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"ONLY AN ACTOR'S TEARS."

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BY MAUD MILLER.

"Only an actor's tears"
Fell as the clock struck eight,
And the curtain had just gone up,
And the play would know its fate;
But the people saw them not—
In his sorrow he was alone—
They saw but the kingly form,
They heard but the magic tone.

"Only an actor's tears,"
That, now he is through his part,
Can flow from his weary eyes
And ease his burdened heart
For the baby who died that morn,
That will now 'neath the daisies rest,
With a smile on its waxen face
And buds on its pulseless breast.

Ah! many a time at night
That father, in tinselled dress,
Would play with his babe at home,
And revel in its caress,
With the innocent, rosy lips
Pressed to his bearded face.
Ah! he was the father then,
Not the actor in gold and lace.

"Only an actor's tears"
Mingled with hers—his wife—
For their baby in Paradise,
Now happy in angel-life;
And he thought not of work well done,
Or of how well he played his part,
That night to the crowded house,
With a full and an aching heart.

Sleep, little Mabel, sleep
Under the Greenwood tree,
For the curtain, alas! "rang down"
On the first act of life for thee;
Yet there's many a tear that falls,
And there's many a burdened heart,
But the audience see it not,
For he playeth so well his part.

A MIGHTY HARD CUSTOMER.

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"I've been in these yer diggin's nigh on to twenty years," said Sandy Rider of Tombstone, Arizona, shortly after that town was started, "and I've seed all sorts of people come and go; but the wust I've had to deal with yet—the very wust—is Slick Sam of 'Frisco, which the same is a mighty hard customer."

It was announced privately to the citizens of Tombstone that the slick stranger from San Francisco, Sam Wyoliff, or more generally known as Slick Sam, had completely routed the gambling forces of the town, Sandy Rider included, and was publicly boasting of his ability to maintain the laurels recently won as being the boss poker-player of Arizona.

"There may be men in 'Frisco of the same grade as myself, but I'm cook of the walk in this territory, sure," soliloquized the gambler. "I was told Sandy Rider was an expert, but I find he's only a cobbler. It doesn't matter. I'll pick a few more feathers and then go back to 'Frisco."

Sandy Rider was feeling quite differently.

"A mighty hard customer," he repeated, "is this man. I'd like to see somebody skin him of all he is worth."

It was a terrible blow to Sandy to have this stranger come in and capture the town in that way. And then he was so boastful about it, and put on so many high-toned airs, that not only Sandy, but others of the gambling fraternity were quite disgusted with him.

"This is a mighty hard customer," again repeated Sandy, "an' I'm going to make a darn big effort to get even with him. Perhaps I won't succeed, but that don't matter; I'm going for to try, anyway."

From that time on Sandy Rider was a changed man. He had very little to do with the other gamblers, and seemed to be more quiet and reserved than formerly, associating more with himself, and with the better and more orderly of the citizens of Tombstone. The boys, once his chums, said he was feeling badly because of his losses at the gaming-table, and gave Slick Sam the credit of having, as they termed it, "wiped him out."

Sandy knew what was being said about him; but he returned good for evil, and continued his meditations undisturbed by what the gossips might say of his queer behavior or what his friends might conjecture was the matter with him.

"You see, I know myself better than the rest of the people do," he would say, "and if I should tell 'em what ails me not a darn one of 'em 'ud believe me. Now, the real trouble with me is I've got religion! It sounds kind o' queer, that's a fact; but I've got it, sure; an', what's more, I'm goin' fer to preach the gospel ter on't."

This announcement, which was made publicly by Sandy Rider himself, in front of the Golden Rule saloon, created quite a sensation in Tombstone, and a committee of three was appointed by the gamblers of the town to confer with Sandy on the subject.

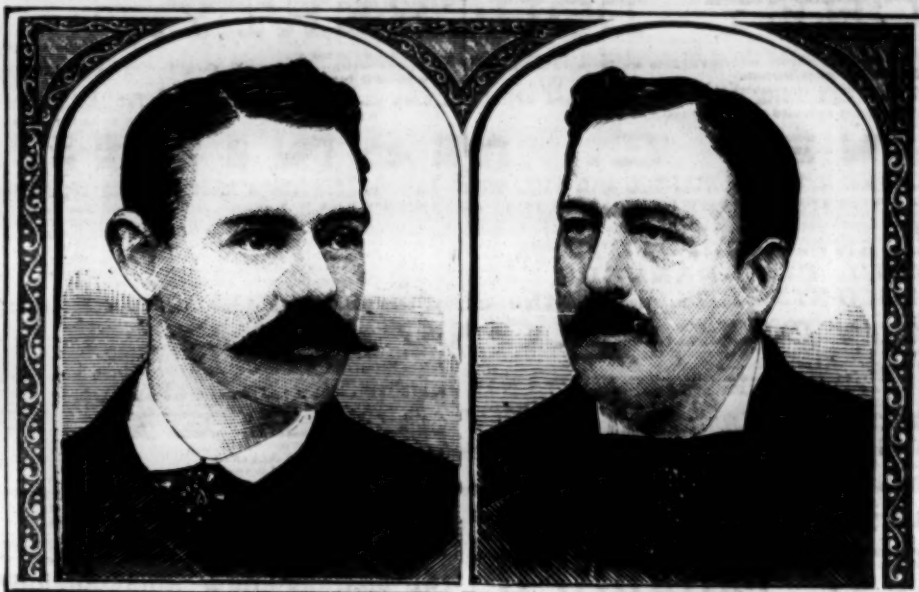
"Is it a fact that you have gone clean back on the boys?" was asked him by the committee.

"Not on the boys," replied Sandy, "but on their wicked ways and bad habits. You see, I'm goin' to lead a new life; I've got religion, and got it bad."

"And are you really going to preach?" asked the committee.

"I reckon so," said Sandy; "that is, if nobody else will do it for me. At any rate, there'll be a meetin'-house jist a-boomin' in less than a week, and if nobody else'll do the preachin', you kin jist bet yer life I'll do it myself."

Sandy evidently meant business, for the very next day he announced through the columns of the local paper that a meeting would be held that evening in front of the Golden Rule saloon for the purpose of organizing the First Methodist Church of Tombstone.



CHARLES.

LEWIS.

THE DOCKSTADERS.

The meeting was largely attended, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. Sandy Rider, Crispy Bill, Shorty Jacobs, Slick Sam, and a number of other well-known characters were present, and all had something to say in the interest of the new movement. Sandy Rider thought a "little preachin'" would kind o' straighten the boys up a little; Crispy Bill was of the opinion that a "right smart gospel sharp" would draw well for a few weeks at least; Shorty Jacobs said he "wasn't goin' for to pull down the blinds for no preacher," but that he would agree not to molest any of the boys that "wanted to take it in." As for Slick Sam, he didn't intend to remain very long in the town anyway, and consequently didn't "care a darn whether a church was started or not." But the general feeling was in favor of the movement, and so the First Methodist Church of Tombstone was organized.

"There'll be preachin' next Sunday in the old log school-house," said Sandy Rider, and then he announced the meeting adjourned.

Sunday came, and the schoolhouse was crowded. It was understood that a preacher had been secured from an adjoining town, and such indeed was the case. He was a tall, lean, lank, cadaverous-looking man, dressed in a seedy suit of black, and having a standing collar and a white necktie. A more solemn-appearing individual never was seen in Tombstone before; and as for his preaching, it was pronounced the best any of them had ever heard. Even Slick Sam complimented the preacher, and said he would go to hear him every Sunday "if it broke his neck."

The reverend gentleman soon became very popular with everybody. He held "services" every night for the first week, and the same were largely attended.

One night he closed the meeting rather early, and he and Sandy went over to the Golden Rule saloon. He said he never went into such places, but as his mouth was kind of dry he would take a glass of lemonade.

A number of the boys were playing cards in the back part of the room, and on the invitation of Slick Sam, who happened in at that moment, Sandy and the parson went back to witness the game.

"It is called draw-poker, I believe," said the good man slowly.

"Yes," said Slick Sam, his eyes brightening up. "Suppose we have a friendly game?"

The preacher objected at first, but was finally induced to play a few games just for amusement, and the crowd had a good deal of sport trying to learn him the run of the cards. After a while he played better, then he began to bet a few dollars, then a few dollars more, and so on until there was in the pool several hundred dollars. The preacher had won nearly every time, and was feeling very happy. Then Slick Sam put up a job on him, and thought to relieve him of all his wealth. There was a sum aggregating eighteen thousand dollars in the pool, the total wealth of Slick Sam and the preacher.

"I call you," drawled the latter. "What have you got?"

"Four kings," said Slick Sam; and he reached for the cash.

"Hold on," slowly said the preacher, covering the funds with his large, bony hand. "I have four ones!"

The preacher raked in the money, and, leaving Slick Sam still looking at his four kings, he and Sandy Rider left the room.

Slick Sam knew that he had been victimized by a professional gambler in the guise of a preacher; so, to relieve himself and to get a little sweet revenge, he said he would go over and set fire to the church. He went at once, and there saw, through the half-open door, Sandy Rider and the parson sitting in the pulpit, counting and dividing the spoils.

"He's a mighty hard customer, that preacher," muttered Slick Sam; and then he threw the stump of a lighted cigar in some shavings that were piled under the house.

That night the First Methodist Church of Tombstone was burned to the ground, and in the morning both Slick Sam and the preacher, taking different directions, left the country for the country's good, and Sandy Rider was reinstated as the boss poker-player of the town. J. MILT HOFFMAN.

A SCHOOL board having advertised for "a smart teacher," a man named Mustard applied for the situation, and was accepted.

"O, PAY!" "What, sor?" "Did yev ever see a Wintor like this?" "Yis, sor." "Whin?" "Last Summer, sor."

NATURE'S CONTRASTS.

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Scripture does not give us the stature of Og, King of Bashan, but informs us that his bedstead was about sixteen and a half feet in length. This, however, gives no clue to his height, for the "Great Bed of Ware," made for ordinary mortals, would hold twelve persons. Charles Dickens purchased that interesting relic on Sept. 8, 1864. We have nothing to depend on, but a Rabbinical tradition says the giant King was twelve feet in height. Scripture says "his bedstead was a bedstead of iron."

"Is it not in Rabath of the children of Ammon, nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits was the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man?"—Deuteronomy, 3-11.

If we trust to the veracity of ancient writers, Alpyrus of Alexandria, a logician and philosopher, was only one foot five and a half inches high. But Alpyrus was a reasonable giant compared with the Egyptian dwarf spoken of by Nicophorus Calistus, and who was no larger than a partridge. Becannus (from the authority we quote) says he saw a man who was nearly ten feet high, and a woman who was fully ten feet. Nicetas (from same authority) says that Andronius II, grandson of Comnenus, was ten feet in height. Having searched through several classical dictionaries, and not having found any such characters, we come to the conclusion that Becannus and Nicetas were only ordinary people, afflicted with the jim-jams. Augustus Caesar is said to have introduced in his times a man not two feet in stature; and Lucius, the dwarf of the Emperor Augustus, weighed but seventeen pounds, and was only two feet high. "The tallest man in our age," wrote Pliny, "was one named Gabarus, who in the days of Claudius, the late Emperor, was brought out of Arabia. He was nine feet nine inches high." Julia, niece of Augustus, had a dwarf who was only two feet four inches in height. Dr. Plot in his "History of Staffordshire," page 291, says that John Hale of Middleton was nine feet three inches in height. His hand was seventeen inches long, and the palm was eight inches broad. Count Joseph Benewalaki at the age of twenty was only two feet four inches high. He died in 1837, aged ninety-eight years. Eleazar, a Jew, sent by Vitellius to Rome, was nine feet in height, according to Josephus. Geoffrey Hudson, until the age of puberty, was only eighteen inches high. He was served up in a cold pie before the King and Queen by the Duchess of Buckingham in 1626. At thirty years of age he was only twenty-nine inches in height. The Irish giant Murphy, who died at Marseilles, was eight feet ten inches in height. Athanasius says that Aristatus the poet was so small that nobody could see him, and Philotas of Ops was obliged to carry weights in his pockets, for fear the wind would blow him away. The Irish giant Patrick Cotter died in 1802. He was eight feet seven and a half inches high.

As a matter of courtesy, we will introduce "Goliath of Gath," though he is a little below the standard of our lists of giants, measuring only eight feet six inches. Louahkin, the Russian giant and drum-major of the Imperial Guards, measured just one inch less than the Philistine giant.

THE DOCKSTADERS.

Charles Dockstader was born in Cleveland, O., in September, 1849, and made his first appearance on the minstrel stage there. In 1878 he joined Lewis Dockstader, since which time they have performed together. Lewis Dockstader first saw the light in Hartford, Ct., in August, 1856. About ten years ago he began his professional career as a member of Harry Bloodgood's Minstrels. Subsequently he managed for a time a variety theatre in his native city, and later visited California. The Dockstadters first performed together with a minstrel troupe with Jerry Thomas' band, at what is now known as the Bijou Opera-house, in this city. After leaving there they made a tour of the country, playing in variety theatres. In 1880 they joined Carncross' Minstrels, and continued with them that season and a portion of the next. They joined Haverly's Original Mastodons in St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 28, 1882, and are now with that troupe. They rank among the best comedians on the minstrel or variety stage. Their business in the main is original, and they are the authors of many popular sketches. They have also composed great many successful songs, which they have made accessible to a professional and other publishing them cheap prices.

THE BLIND READERS OF THE POST-OFFICE.

LETTERS THAT SHOULD GO ASTRAY, BUT DO NOT.

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Practiced as are the majority of post-office officials in deciphering obdurate chirography, nevertheless there is daily a large number of letters passing through the mails whose addresses, from their illegibility, form puzzles beyond the reach of any ordinary effort to solve them. Letters of this description, more or less erratic in character, arrive at the New York post-office at the rate, on an average, of a thousand a day, and, having been given up in despair by the officials through whose hands in the regular course of business they should pass, are turned over to what are termed the "blind readers." The blind readers of the post-office are a corps of experts whose especial duty it is to decipher all doubtful or unintelligible addresses, and whose time is chiefly taken up in translating confused masses of hieroglyphics, interspersed with an occasional dot or dash, into irreproachable roundhand. In many cases not only is the handwriting a marvel of illegibility, but the address itself is also very vague or incomplete. Sometimes the spelling is such as to cause the names of people and places to masquerade in most curious disguises, or again words are cruelly cut in twain and the mutilated fragments ruthlessly forced into union with other words with a recklessness productive of wonderfully mystifying results. For instance, when a correspondent writes from memory—and a memory not much trained in letters, at that—superscribes "Seeder-abst, lenco, Ia.," it perhaps requires considerable discernment to discover that Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa, is intended. Another address of this class reads "Hafte, Lac Co., Ill.," for Half Day, Lake County, Illinois; and yet another reads "Chollyntville Go., Ill.," for Joliet, Will County, Illinois. It was not necessary to note that the address was accompanied by a French postmark to decide that the following remarkable sample of phonetic spelling emanated from a Frenchman: "Werseaux, Incasque Conte, America," which, being construed into English, becomes Warsaw, Hancock County (Illinois). "M. J. Benson, Esq., 307, 309 and 311," was the somewhat vague direction on one letter. After considerable cogitation, the name not appearing in the directory, the ingenious brain of a blind reader recalled the fact that the numbers in question were identical with those occupied by the firm of Whitfield, Powers & Co., in Canal street. Inquiry discovered that there was a clerk in the employ of the firm named M. J. Benson, and the letter was safely delivered to its rightful owner. The address of a somewhat elaborately-directed letter ran as follows: "New York City, New York State of the U. S. To Editor J. Dougall, editor and proprietor, New York." Reference to the directory, after the blind readers had discovered what the scratches covering the envelope indicated, showed that J. Dougall was the proprietor of a paper called *The New York Witness*, and the letter was duly delivered. A correspondent in Stuttgart, Germany, whose acquaintance with the English language is seemingly not extensive, and who has an awkward habit of lapsing into the use of German letters, thus addresses the person for whom the letter is intended, having evidently copied the direction, word for word, from the heading of one of the latter's bills: "Bought of I. Well, No. 120 1/2 Greene street, poultry and vegetables always on hand, delivered free of charge, New York, North America." Another correspondent, apparently an admirer of the phonetic system of spelling, for a long time furnished food for speculation to the blind readers of the Post-office by thus addressing his letter: "Vinsons Lebba, Baber Shop, Significalls Hotel, New York." Finally, after the problem thus presented had driven those striving to solve it to the verge of distraction, it was discovered that the word "Significalls" when rapidly enunciated produced a sound bearing some resemblance to St. Nicholas. Inquiry was made at the barber shop of the St. Nicholas Hotel, and it was found that the person to whom the letter was addressed, an Italian named Lebba, was there employed. Nineteen scratches, four blots and a smudge, supposed to represent the words "Shurman Connell," and followed by the words "New York," caused the directory to be carefully though vainly scrutinized in search of something resembling that name. After some consideration, however, the hypothesis was formed that the letter was meant for the German Consul in this city, and the conjecture proved correct. The following are a few further specimens of the problems daily presented to the blind readers of the post-office for solution, it being borne in mind that, in addition to the obstacles offered by incorrectness in the spelling or address, handwriting, villainous in the extreme, is in most cases added to the difficulties to be overcome: "Mrs. B. Clide, 46 Fole & Green, New York," for 46 Bowling green; "Mrs. McGovern, 46 4 side street, New York," for 46 Forsyth street; "Richard & Fitzgerald, publishers, New York," for Dick & Fitzgerald; "Currier & Knives, New York," for Currier & Ives; "M. O. Govern & Co., New York," for Magovern & Co.; "Messrs. Howard & Crosby, agents French Plate-glass Co., New York," for the agent of the French Plate-glass Company, at Howard and Crosby streets, New York; "Feasch, Storch & Co., New York," for Phelps, Dodge & Co.; "Messrs. S. Huyler, Hartley & O. R. Ham, New York, for Messrs. Schnyler, Hartley & Graham; "Miss Annie Mooney, 107 st., 2076-2 as., N. Y.," for 2,076 Second avenue, corner of One-hundred-and-seventh street; "Mr. Squares & Zink & Co., New York," for Manning & Squares, Passaic Zinc Co.; "Messrs. Lord & Flannel, New York," intended for Lord & Taylor, and containing an order for flannel.

The corps of "blind readers" attached to the New York Post-office consists of W. W. Stone and two assistants. Many and difficult as are the problems submitted to these experts, it is but rarely that they fail to accomplish the desired result, less than one in five hundred letters being sent from their department to the Dead-letter Office as impossible of interpretation. The number of carelessly or illegibly addressed letters passing through the post-office is, however, yearly on the increase. It is stated by post-office officials that bad and careless writing is rapidly becoming a marked American vice, and among the complaints received of delay or failure in the delivery of letters, the most bitter are those from correspondents who address their missives like Mickey Free's, "with a cat's tail dipped in lampblack," or who, well knowing the proper address of the person to whom they have written, omit, through sheer laziness, to include it in the superscription.

TWO RULES.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.
BY GATH BRITTON.

To a cautious barman entered one
Tired, travel-stained, and seedy;
Much better times the man had known—
Once blessed with wealth, now poor and needy.
In years gone by he scattered gold
Where friends and their friends used to meet him;
But wealth had fled, and friends grown cold,
There now was no friend left to greet him.
"Landlord," he said, "I'd like a glass
Of something hot to keep the cold out.
Stamps have I none, nor tin, nor brass;
Purses, like wells, won't always hold out.
"Time was when at your bar I stood,
And practiced long with friend and fellow,
Till all were in a merry mood;
And at my cost you've oft grown mellow.
"I owe you not a single cent,
And many and many a time you've said it;
But, now that all I had is spent,
I ask for just one glass on credit."
"No, sir," I heard the barman say;
"I neither trust, nor lend, nor borrow;
My rule is always 'Cash to-day.'
All book accounts begin to-morrow."
Then turned the seedy man to me
(I held a mug—with cider in it),
"Lend me a dime, now," whispered he;
"I'll pay it back in half a minute."
With doubtful smile I gave the dime.
The glass was filled—you need not doubt it;
And it was drained in shorter time
Than takes to write these words about it.
The drinker dried his moistened lips,
And, looking me the hollow way,
Remarked: "Our host is famed for guile,
But I've a rule more wise than his.
"Since Fortune turned her back on me
For all the wrong that I have done her,
I keep my mind from store-bills free
Till I can pay my debts of honor.
"Only my debt to you I pay—
The landlord heard my explanation;
I still owe thanks; o'er wine, some day,
I'll liquidate the obligation."
Then, bowing with a grace more rare
Than that of Ellsler's dancing-master,
He went forth like a millionaire
About to deal with Gould or Astor.

THE BRAND OF CAIN.

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BOOK II: A DESCENDANT OF THE CONQUEROR.

CHAPTER XII.

A week subsequently to the events transpiring within the
Marquis de Champtoc's mansion, towards eleven o'clock in
the evening, the salons of the club of the Mouchons were
resplendent with light, while the promenades on the Boule-
vard could admit of no comparison with which numerous
members of this fashionable association smoked their
cigars upon the balcony. The delightfulness of the evening
had congregated specimens of each variety composing in
Paris rich and inoperative society. It was the hour when,
after a burning summer-day, the crowd came to inhale the
asphaltum dust beneath the artificial plantation of the Pre-
fect of the Seine, and likewise the hour when privileged cir-
cled after an excursion to Mabilly, assembled at the club to
relate their heart conquests, not less factitious than the mu-
nicipal verdure.
From their observatory the conversationalists of the bal-
cony enjoyed a unique view of society. They discussed the
comparative merits of English and indigenous coachmen,
and the ex-beat of the Restoration contended naturally for
the old French school. The younger members rallied him
with a remarkable unanimity, but they took care not to let
him perceive it by putting a curb upon their witicism, for
the retired dandy was known to be touchy upon a point of
honor and skillful in the use of the sword.
Among these flingers of oblique arrows figured Theodore
Vergoney, who professed the greatest contempt for the an-
cient regime, and like his capacity for proprietor in the
Gallinade admitted only Britannic fashions.
"Vergoney, my friend," quoth a stout man, balancing
himself in a rocking-chair, "you have the finest stable in the
Gallinade—that's admitted; but I assure you that I prefer
learning the truth as to the rumors touching your friends on
the Boulevard Hausmann."
The handsome Theodore, seated his gapping mouth and
stroked with a distracted hand his blonde whiskers. Beyond
the subject of the conversation being peculiarly unaccept-
able to him, the person addressing him he held in unadulter-
ated horror; and, what is more, he hated him like a viper.
To tell the truth, Monsieur Kornemann, charter-member of
the club, was neither in person nor in temper extraordinarily
amiable.
"Come, Theodore, of my heart," continued the pitiless
Mouchon, "don't play the mysterious. The Baron's de-
cline and fall is as historical a fact as that of Rome, as all
the world knows."
"I consider the facts somewhat exaggerated," timidly in-
sistuated Vergoney. "Monsieur Brossin has experienced a
momentary embarrassment, but his credit has not suffered.
It is the end of a difficult month, that's all."
"End of a month! Come, now! It is the end-of-all the
Brossin, past, present and future. As to credit, I see nothing
instructive, save that which your fine form has created for
you with the Baroness, for the handsome Alfred, your juvenile
friend, could not raise a hundred sous upon his signa-
ture."
"But I assure you, my dear Kornemann, that things are
not so. Monsieur Brossin owns a mansion in Paris, a cha-
teau and estate in Normandy."
"For sale, my excellent fellow—for sale. Should you re-
main faithful to misfortune, you must expatriate yourself;
and you will do it, Vergoney, I am certain you will. Imit-
ate the noble conduct of General Bertrand following his em-
peror to St. Helena. The Baroness don't much resemble Na-
poleon, yet that's no matter."
"For the rest, my dear friend," he resumed after taking an
enormous pinch of snuff, "what I say is purely through in-
terest for you and that adorable family. What an enchanting
creature that Henriette Brossin! Word of honor, a Juno in
high-heeled boots, and to think of her putting on goatkin
shoes when she becomes Madame Noridet!"
"Ah! It is, then, true she is to marry him?"
"You know he is likewise ruined, the millionaire Jules!"
"Not that he deserves it! He put on too many airs."
"A droll idea both of them had."
"To marry when neither had a sou."
These various exclamations came from all sides of the bal-
cony.
"Gentlemen," said Kornemann, gravely assuming a magis-
terial attitude in his cane chair, "Noridet is wide awake, and
will never marry for the fun of the thing. This alone makes
me lean towards our friend Vergoney's opinion. The Baron
has lain by some two millions concealed in an old stocking,
and Noridet has smelled the plunder."
"Good!" said the old beau; "but old fox Brossin is no less
wide awake than his future son-in-law, and, moreover, a
fellow like Noridet always falls upon your feet, and I will not
be surprised at seeing him come out again more brilliant
than ever in two or three years."
"By the way, it's a century since he set foot in here," re-
marked another Mouchon.
"Listen, my dear fellow," lanced Kornemann at him, "we
are not consoled sooner than that when a will falls on our
heads conveying away three millions."
"Speaking of marriages," observed the ex-beau, "do you
know the great news of the club?"
"I know three each greater than the others," interposed
Kornemann, pretending to a monopoly in social information
for private diffusion.
"I allude to De Monville, who is to marry a demoiselle of
Champtoc. The marriage takes place next month, and is the
event of the hour."
"Parbleu! what's the story? Two names which bring to life a
little boister, engaged in sending old clothes at an old so-
ciety's wife, who took her in for charity, and to wake up one
morning helms to a marquis and an income of six hundred
thousand francs. True, that is a jolly dream!"
"Don't blow, my dear; it's most serious, for the Champ-

toons are among the oldest nobility in Anjou, and the Mon-
villes were among the crusaders," said the ancient beau,
who was himself of excellent family. "Father-in-law and
son-in-law have been yesterday admitted to the club by ac-
clamation. Not a solitary black ball, which is uncommon."
"Eh, Vergoney!" suddenly exclaimed the rigid Kornemann,
"is not that old man planted down there amid the
asphaltum, star-gazing, the Baron's cashier?"
"Who? The old man with broad-brimmed hat, seated upon
a bench?" inquired Theodore, leaning over the balcony.
"Oh, no! that is a Breton from the Closier des Genets
coming to play in 'The Willow Copse' at the Ambigue. I
allude to the other there by the gaslight, leaning upon his
cane."
"By my faith! I think it is he," said Vergoney, vexed at
the persistence with which Bouscarreau watched the club
windows. "Stay, he's coming in. What the devil can he
want here?"
"Bah! Pa Brossin has probably sent him to hunt up his
Alfred, or maybe the triumphant Noridet, future husband
of the adorable Henriette; but in any case it is he, for I
know his villainous head. By the way, if he comes to seek
the son-in-law of his boss, he will make a false step; for the
exquisite Jules should be, at this moment, occupied in
reciting the lamentations of Jeremiah over his defunct mil-
lions."
"Good-evening, gentlemen," said the concorous voice of
Noridet, as he suddenly appeared in the balcony behind the
talkers, upon whom the apparition produced a marked effect.
Of whom were you speaking, gentlemen?" politely inquired
the newcomer, although his over-courteous manner indi-
cated to those acquainted with his disposition an intention
to provoke a quarrel.
The question was addressed to the gossips collectively.
Kornemann took it to himself and hastened to reply.
"In faith, dear friend," he said with an assumption of
ease that the redness of his face denied, "we were at the
moment engaged in talking about you."
"Truly? And what was the purport?"
"We were complaining of not seeing you, parbleu! You
are rarer than Louis in our friend Claremont's vest-pocket.
More invisible than Vergoney's chateau in the Gallinade."
"Permit me," interrupted Theodore, "I never said I had a
chateau."
"More indiscoverable than—bah! I have no comparisons
upon the tip of my tongue—in a word, my dear fellow, you
have out your comrades, and we Mouchons complain. The
club needs you; it sighs after the prince of whist and king
of baccarat. Now, as you have returned, let us join in chorus:
"Five Noridet! Five Noridet!"
Instead of being annoyed at all this verbiage, the honored
guest merely laughed, and said with an angelic simplicity:
"You are too amiable by far in so deeply regretting me, as
in the first place I was obliged to be absent from Paris for
several days, and since my return I have not had an evening
to myself. It annoys me, but so it is, for my evenings
are passed in the purchase of cashmere and diamonds. It is
an all-absorbing occupation, whose pleasures you will some
day know—when you marry, boys."
"Much obliged. I am not in!"
"Plenty of time, old fellow!"
"And what would Argentine say?" muttered a dandy who
had succeeded in uniting himself to the good graces of
the star of the Fantasia Comique.
"Ah! then it's true!" exclaimed in a tragic tone the stout
Kornemann, who had resumed courage.
"Nothing more true," answered Noridet with levity. "I
have one month more of liberty. On the first of July I sur-
render prisoner for life."
"Mademoiselle Henriette Brossin, is it not?"
"Herself, my lord!" pronounced the groom with a comic
emphasis.
"Well, my dear fellow, it is fine! grand! chivalrous!"
"Excuse me, gentlemen, I doubt whether I merit the flat-
tering compliments enunciated by Kornemann. In what do
I resemble a paladin? Because I marry an enchanting crea-
ture and a handsome dowry!"
"That is a handsome dowry! It was said —"
"That Baron Brossin went up in a balloon two days ago."
"That is true; but Mademoiselle Brossin possesses, from
her mother's side, an independent fortune, which the father's
financial misfortunes cannot disturb."
"So much the better!" exclaimed Kornemann in sore
amusement, for he did not understand the motive of Jules
in revealing to the club the re-establishment of his financial rep-
utation. "How thoughtful in the Baron, engaged in im-
mense speculations, to put aside his daughter's dowry.
Charity is well ordained to begin at home."
"Oh!" resumed Noridet modestly, "it must not be be-
lieved that Mademoiselle Brossin remains very rich. Fifty
thousand francs of income, and not a sou beyond that.
You see, it is purely a love-match."
"Eh! ah! the handsome dowry," said Kornemann, "I know many bac-
chors who will fall in love right away for fifty thousand. Ask
Vergoney if he be not so."
The handsome Theodore again blushed to his eyes, for at
times he had dreamed of Henriette's hand, although the
heiress had ever manifested a contempt for him. Still he
was more surprised at Noridet's announcement, for the
Baroness had never mentioned it to him, and he believed the
Brossins ruined.
"Pooh! I must not exaggerate my disinterestedness. Some
wreck of my former fortune remains," resumed Noridet,
with calculated negligence; "about the same as Mademoiselle
Brossin's income—so that with our united purses we have an
income of one hundred thousand francs to start housekeep-
ing with. It is little, but it must do."
"I take it a handsome light," said Kornemann, "and I ad-
mire that Providence which has caused your ruin simultane-
ously with that of the Baron and mends matters by
marrying you to a charming lady. Still by that devil of a
paper does your uncle disinheritor you entirely?"
"Why, he leaves everything to his widow, recommending
his humble servant; and, as my poor aunt loves me dearly,
I suppose she will not forget me in the end."
"I imagined the widow of Mathis to be paralyzed, and
consequently incapable of making a will," insinuated
Kornemann with customary benevolence.
"But my uncle left a sole particular legacy," said Noridet,
anxious to change the subject. "He left a sum of money to
his ward."
"Demons! Andree of Champtoc—promoted!" ex-
claimed the ancient beau. "Another romance, and the con-
clusion is sufficiently agreeable to a young and poor orphan."
"Do you know the Champtoc family?" inquired Noridet
with an interest not assumed.
"As I know all the great names of France, I have never
seen the present Marquis, but his grandfather was intimate
with one of my ancestors during the emigration."
"By the way, Noridet," said Kornemann, "you know that
he said his son-in-law are proposed, and to-morrow we vote
upon their admission. Will you come?"
"I will try to, although my time is almost all taken up
about this moment," replied Noridet wonderingly.
The opportunity for leaving presented itself as a footman
in club livery approached and whispered:
"Monsieur Noridet is wanted in the parlor."
"Very well," said Noridet, "I had a letter to write, but
I will come immediately."
"I believe your visitor to be Bouscarreau," remarked Kornemann,
not without malice.
"Who is this Bouscarreau?" inquired the stout man.
"It is the cashier of your future father-in-law, my good
fellow. We saw him come in, and the arrival of a cashier is
always a sign of good luck."
"Not when the cashier has no cash," rejoined Noridet with
a laugh. "Still, I think you are deceived, for I have no rela-
tions of any kind with this gentleman."
"No, no; it is his big hat, long-tailed overcoat and masto-
don appearance."
"I'll see if you have good eyes."
Noridet quitted the balcony; and, as he slowly crossed the
grand salon of the club, anyone would have been surprised
at the change wrought in his countenance. During the past
eight days he had seen successively realized the promises and
threats of Monsieur Champtoc.
Advised by his notary of the production of Mathis' signed
will, and informed by the Marquis that the pension of fifty
thousand francs would be promptly paid Henriette from the
instant she became heiress, Noridet, the second-hand under-
stood that submission was his final lot—no submission in
fact, but in appearance. The official demand for Henriette's
hand had been made three days after the scene in the red
chamber of the manor-house. Then came in their order the
other events announced by the Marquis. The intelligence
of Jean's prodigious fortune and his coming alliance with
Andree Salasie was spread over Paris with the rumor of Bro-
ssin's bankruptcy. All was then concluded for the celebra-
tion of the two marriages was but a question of time. The
vanquished had no more to do than to bend his neck and
submit to his conqueror's will.
Upon entering the parlor, Noridet was somewhat astonished
at discovering that the balcony loungers had not been de-
ceived. The visitor was Bouscarreau.
"Good-evening, sir," said Noridet coldly. "To what do I owe
the favor of this visit?"
"I wish to talk to you," growled Bouscarreau.
"Upon what subject, if you please?"
"In the first place, are you very sure that we cannot be
overheard?"

"If you don't shout at the top of your lungs. What do you
wish?"
"To propose a co-partnership."
"I am not in business, having no capital," said Noridet
with an ironical smile.
"I have no more than you, and I don't allude to money
matters. I come simply to ask if you will unite with me
against the despoiler of both."
Noridet's eyes sparkled, but he restrained himself. The
proposition was agreeable to him, and he knew Bouscarreau
to be capable of anything; still, before joining him, he de-
sired to study the man. With a gesture he indicated a divan
in an elbow of the room, and assumed a seat by his side.
There it was far from the door and perfectly free from all in-
trusion.
"I neither refuse nor accept. Lay down your plan."
"My plan is to avenge myself upon this Marquis and all
around him."
"That is a desire, not a plan."
"And this desire, I presume you participate in it?"
"Perhaps."
"You distrust me? You are wrong. Did you know Fran-
cois Bouscarreau better, you would not confound him with
that simpleton Jacques Brossin, who resigns himself to ruin
and lowers himself to kiss the hand felling him. I'm not of
that style. I kiss not, I bite."
"Oh! I understand myself. Speaking of biting, I don't
mean assassinating the Marquis or burning his house."
Noridet could not prevent his trembling.
"File, now! Those means are only good for idiots peopling
the galleries. I have others."
"I am curious to know what."
"Stratagem," said Bouscarreau coldly, "dissimulation and
hypocrisy."
"Three ways only forming one, and their enumeration lets
no light upon your projects."
"Listen to me. I am heavy, rude and rough, as I know.
Well, being such as you see me, I can manage at one time ten
woofs which will lead those people by a long route, but a sure
one, to despair, ruin and death."
"The devil! You beat Lucretia Borgia."
"I don't know her; but I operate without violence and
noise, and I tell you I'll succeed, as I succeeded in accumu-
lating the fortune of which the Marquis robbed me."
"I can't say to the contrary," muttered Noridet with as-
sumed indifference; "but I am curious to know how you are
going to operate without violence or noise."
"Have you never seen a spider toil?" inquired Bouscarreau,
lowering his voice.
"What is this pleasant?"
"It is an instructive sight," replied the cashier. "There is
the little beast, black and ugly, at the bottom of his hole. It
takes care never to leave it. Instead of running, it weaves,
and weaves night and day, without cessation, without relaxa-
tion, until the web is spun. Then, continued Bouscarreau
with animation, "the handsome flies flying in the sunshine
entangle themselves in this villainous network, and then the
spider leaves its hole, bleeds them to the last drop, and in a
second compensates itself for long hours of work and misery.
Do you understand?"
"With what are you weaving your web, my dear sir?" in-
quired Noridet by way of an answer.
"The human passion," said Bouscarreau harshly.
"Eh! eh! that is not a bad idea—develop it!"
"It is easy. There are five or six I wish to destroy. The
Marquis, his daughter, the rich vagrant who marries her, the
old scoundrel called Bernard, the wench he has put into
the world, and the negro she adores. Oh! I have gleaned in-
formation, and you will see that I know them at heart.
Well, these people have passions, like everyone else. It be-
comes necessary to discover them and to play upon them,
and of that I take charge. There are love, jealousy, ambition
and gaming, as I know myself. We seek, we find, and, if need
be, divide the seven capital sins, thence to draw something
for the extermination of Champtoc and his gang."
While the cashier was indulging in this lyricism, Noridet was
reflecting.
"The devil! We can understand each other," he said after a
long silence. "Your plan suits me, and I am resolved to try
it upon the virtuous persons you know. We will commence
with the Marquis?"
"No, no; not so stupid!" exclaimed Bouscarreau.
"It appears nevertheless," said Noridet, "wise to suppress
the most dangerous of all."
"I best say, I best say, him as much as you. Only, to apply
my system it is necessary to find that man's weak point, and
then assail him there."
"Do you believe him invulnerable? The fact is that he
has shown a wonderful force during the year I have had busi-
ness with him. He possesses coolness, perseverance and
audacity. Moreover, he is by far too rich to be accessible to
ambition or cupidity. Decidedly, I know no weakness."
"Do!"
"What?"
"His daughter," said Bouscarreau with a venomous smile.
"Ah! not badly guessed. I commence believing that there
will be some pleasure in working with you."
"It is to avenge her that the Marquis has trapped Brossin
and me. Well, it is by her and her alone that we can reach
his Champtoc. When she suffers he will suffer, when she
dies he will die."
"Well reasoned, and I confess that I entertained the idea of
ridding myself of the individual before knowing her to be
his daughter; but I must say my first endeavors were not
successful."
"Because you took a sad course. I repeat that in such
business every act of violence is an error. The girl must die,
but die of sorrow."
"All right; but of what sorrow would you have an heiress
of six hundred thousand francs income die, upon point of
marriage with a man she adores? Jealousy might do the
work, for this vagabond millionaire is crazy on her account."
"Good! Now I have it," said the cashier, with a wicked
smile; "and now we are in unison, we must study the girl's
character and habits. You go into society and go everywhere
while I am doomed to be a public writer or a small employe."
"I will try to do my best," said Noridet, shaking his head.
"But the task appears difficult."
"I'll take charge of the other," resumed Bouscarreau, "and
of Bernard particularly, with whom I have an account to
settle."
"And I put in a claim for his son-in-law, Fortoto."
"Very well. Thus it is arranged that we divide the parts
and work separately to reach the same end."
"Now, a last observation," said Noridet. "The enterprise
can possibly be accomplished; but have you reflected upon the
time before us to bring it about?"
"Time has nothing to do with it. We can take as long as
we please."
"Excuse me! You forget that in six weeks, at the latest,
Mademoiselle de Champtoc will be married."
"Married or not, she can be made to suffer in the heart."
"That is so. But I likewise will be married; I will be the
happy husband of Mademoiselle Brossin; and it is arranged
—you understand—arranged with Champtoc, who is charged
to endow her."
"Yes, with my money," grunted Bouscarreau.
"It is arranged, I say, that on the morning of my marriage
I shall leave France and return again after a long while, per-
haps never."
"Yes, he wants to get rid of me, as he has done you."
"At what price does Champtoc consent to give the means
of living?"
"Forty thousand francs. It's a pretty penny, but I won't
take it," said the cashier with an infernal smile. "I know
what it is to eat dry bread, and I'll eat it until I have broken
down this Marquis and his tribe."
"Consequently, you will resist his orders?" asked Noridet,
looking at the cashier fixedly.
"I will allow him to believe me ready to start; but I will
arrange to drag things on longer. Pretence is not wanting.
When there is a liquidation of the Brossin business, I have
the key to a host of stupid operations of the Baron's, and the
Bankruptcy Court will insist upon my remaining, while the
Marquis cannot raise a row. Moreover, my case is not like
yours, and I defy them to make me leave."
"It's all the same," said Noridet, shaking his head. "The
respite is short, for it is possible that the new madame of
Monville will spend her honeymoon abroad—in Switzerland,
or in the banks of the Rhine."
"Provided the young couple do not go into Normandy. It
is reported that Jean has purchased from Brossin's creditors
the chateau bearing his name and has built another at its
side."
"Yes, at the Black Stone. Still, what matters that? I cannot
follow them, and at Paris is our only chance for success. It
is only at Paris that we can work in the dark, and it is only
in Paris that we can weave intrigues and passions. The sea-
wind and mountain air will carry away your spider's web,
should they blow above."
"It appears you have not forgot my comparison," growled
Bouscarreau.
"No, assuredly; but the web I am ready to weave with you
will never be sufficiently strong to catch the flies before they
have flown a long way hence."
"Let me work, and you will see. I only want a month —"
"Hush!" whispered Noridet, touching his arm.
He imagined he heard a step, and was not mistaken. The
parlor door opened, and a club-waiter entered with a silent
tread.

"Someone asks to see Monsieur Noridet," he said, approach-
ing the lounge; "and, as I knew Monsieur was engaged, I
answered that I did not know whether you were at the club."
"You did right. What sort of a person?"
"An aged man, and —"
"What a man!" said Noridet, struck by the unusual fa-
miliarity of the remark where club-servants freely bestow
titles even upon non-possessors.
"Yes, sir, a countryman—a peasant—who appears to have
come a distance, as he is much fatigued, and is dressed like
a Breton, with large hat, knee-breeches and embroidered
waistcoat."
"He gave his name?"
"I asked for it, and he said that monsieur did not know,
and that he desired to speak upon pressing business. He
seems to have gone to monsieur's house, and the relief-de-
cambré sent him here."
"Some mendicant," murmured Noridet. "Go tell him I
do not receive people without giving their names, or telling
what they have come about."
The footman bowed and went out.
"This is very singular," said Noridet to his accomplice.
"Pooh! I thought you hit it. It is a beggar."
"Probably. Still, despite me, I always attach everything
in some way to the Marquis."
"I believe that this time you are wrong. Now, before leav-
ing you, let us arrange. To-morrow —"
Bouscarreau was again interrupted through the reappear-
ance of the footman, bringing a letter on a silver salver.
"Here is what the individual sent you," said the domestic.
Noridet took the envelope, unsealed it with a careless hand,
and commenced the perusal of the letter, expecting to throw
it away disdainfully upon finding an appeal for help, but
proportionately as he read, his face changed expression, and
Bouscarreau, watching him clandestinely, was struck at the
alteration of his features.
"It is well. Say I will come."
While the footman went to deliver this message, and the
door was closed after him, Noridet arose.
"Know you what I find in this letter," he asked in a ring-
ing voice.
"A warning from the Marquis?"
"An arm to slay him through first slaying his daughter."
And he added, with a savage chuckle: "This letter brings
the thread wherewith to weave the spider's web."
TO BE CONTINUED.

BILLIARDS.

THE SLOSSON TESTIMONIAL.

It was remarked last week that the proposed testimonial to
one who by his achievement in billiards abroad has honored
America no less than Iroquois and Foxhall did last year by
their triumphs on the turf abroad had taken definite shape.
The appended document shows the nature of the steps thus
far taken:
It is proposed that the recent signal triumph of an American
over an acknowledged most skillful billiard-player in France shall
not pass without special recognition, designed not only to com-
memorate a victory of which Americans have much reason to be
proud, but likewise to compliment the rare skill of Mr. George F.
Slosson, coupled with the patient perseverance he exhibited and the
financial and personal risks he ran in crossing the Atlantic Ocean
four times to encounter one whom he was steadfast in believing he
could vanquish on the chosen ground of his opponent, were he
only vouchsafed a meeting on anything like fair terms. Twice
the representative of America incurred defeat, under adverse and
discouraging circumstances. The third time he was to return to this
country without having secured the meeting that had been promised
him in satisfaction of his former equivocal defeat, and the fourth
time, again promised and again denied a meeting after he had
diligently roomed in Paris for some weeks, he found it scarce-
ly an easier task to secure a match than it was to win it;
and what was required to win in this protracted struggle
of 3,000 points is apparent in the fact that the play-
er of both winner and loser surpassed in every way in long
runs and in averages, everything that had been previously done in
public. In consideration of the unusual circumstance that there
is now no formal title of champion to reward Mr. Slosson, whose
name as recognized champion of the restricted billiards at which he
has repeatedly shown himself so formidable expired a short time
before he defeated Mr. Maurice Vignaux, the French champion, it is
proposed to substitute the testimonial a national honor, and to
insure on the part of the players of the player himself,
of lovers of the game of billiards, and of that larger class everywhere
who are quick to recognize talent and prompt to encourage it. It is
designed to make the testimonial a national honor, and to insure
cable in the short time at command, and to this end the following
gentlemen have consented to receive subscriptions: Chas. J. Foster,
Editor New York Sportsman; Jno. F. Gleason, 25 Nassau street; E.
Buck, Editor Sports of the Race; J. M. Ryan, 134 Broadway; J. M.
Furness, C. A. Dana, Editor New York Sun; Jno. D. O'Connor, 918
Broadway; H. W. Collier, 768 Broadway; Jno. M. Ross (W. H.
Griffin & Co.), 300 Broadway; C. D. Shepard, 60 West Eleventh St.; J. M.
Broadway; L. Decker & Son, 26 Broadway; J. M. Brunsvick & Balke
Co., 724 Broadway; or the treasurer, H. W. Collier, 768 Broad-
way, N. Y. City.
Leading roomkeepers in a number of our chief cities are
interested themselves in the matter; and John D. O'Connor,
proprietor of the Columbian Room, this city, informs us
that he will set apart the gross receipts of his establishment
during any day and night, except Saturday, that may be se-
lected by friends of Mr. Slosson, to whom is also extended
the courtesy of allowing them to appoint a cashier for the
day and night chosen.
FREY DEFEATS KNIGHT AT POOL.
Probably it will in course of time be conceded by pro-
fessionals that it is almost an impossibility to make bill-
pool a paying feature in this city, if much expense is un-
dergone towards making the contests public. There is no
money in it if a place like Tammany Hall is hired, and if
illuminated printing is indulged in. Illuminated printing
has become a late and costly fashion, and has ceased to be ac-
ceptable. Frey and Knight had scarcely better play in the
Tammany Hall on March 8 than Frey and Wahlstrom had for
their match in the same hall eight or nine months before.
The difference in the announced stake made not much differ-
ence in the receipts. The public did not seem to care
whether Knight and Frey were playing for five hundred
dollars a side or only five dollars. The few who inter-
ested themselves sufficiently to bet thought that the Tax
Collector of last week, that there was no chance for doubt
as to which was the better pool-player, and so they offered the
odds of \$100 to \$50 as a fee, Frey being made the favorite.
It was thought that he ought to win, notwithstanding that,
instead of practicing for the contest, he had been unable to
get a table for private practice, and had been kept pretty
busy sticking up illuminated posters that availed not, though
once he had a game, but he was scarcely his fault.
The doubt as to whether Knight by his superior gen-
eralship applied in time could make Frey take the place
of the accommodating Swede has been settled by this
contest. We have not heard that there is to be an-
other. Frey ought now to locate in Chicago or some
other Western city. The effect of all the leading bill-
iard-players and pool-players being settled here is demor-
alizing. As we have pointed out dozens of times and now
dozen years, it represents true sport, instead of encourage-
ing it. The professors of billiards and pool should spread out,
so as to give city, suburban and sectional pride a chance to
ventilate itself by making matches. Were Frey a resident of
Chicago, he and Knight would have a good house were they
to play a match in that city, and a return game, as in the old
days, then these would stop at that for at least a year, as in
the old days, and give some other pair a chance—or other
could make a new match with some new man.
A FIFTY-DOLLAR GAME OF POOL.
A correspondent, in sending an account of a pool-match,
has revived in our mind the glories of the old "National,"
established by George Ricardo about eighteen years ago. It
was here that Andrew Buis, after his return from England,
played Valentine the butcher, long ago dead, at the old
round-table game on a 612 pocket-table—probably the
best game this country ever saw. By the way, the Champion's
Game of to-day or the cushion-caroms of the day and now being
child's play compared with it. It was here, too, that "Eng-
lish Fred" played "Stark, the American," and it was at the
National, likewise, that another American who has been to
England and France played his first match, his opponent
being one who was then called "Duffy," who graduated from
the National, and who has for several years been superin-
tendent of one of the largest rooms in this city. Bob Foster
was umpire for many years, Joseph O'Brien came near
keeping it and made it his headquarters, and Major
O'Shaughnessy was later its lessee for a long time. Dead-
and-gone Michael Phelan and Joseph White were also occa-
sional players at the National.
EDITOR NEW YORK CLIPPER.—Dear Sir: A match at pool was
played on the 7th inst. at H. F. Farrell's National Billiard-rooms,
330 Third Avenue, near Thirty-sixth Street, for \$5 a side, best in 21
games, the contestants being Messrs. Charles Manning and Frank
O'Toole, two well-known pool-players of the Twenty-first Ward.
It was decided in favor of the former by a score of 11 to 8. John Arnold
was umpire for Manning, and Joseph King acted for O'Toole. The
well-known upstart amateur billiard and pool player, John Brid-
ley, officiated in the capacity of referee. Respectfully, T. F. G.

Snow-Shooting.—The annual races of the Red Cap Snowshoe Club of Halifax, N. S., took place Feb. 25, at the Exhibition grounds, and resulted as follows: Two hundred yard race—E. Tallach, first, in 32s.; G. Taylor, second. One thousand yards—H. Abbott first in 15s. The long-distance race took place on the same day, from the mouth to Bedford, and was won by Jas. Mitchell in 11s. 13m. T. E. Davison second in 17. 17m. Distance, about eight miles.

MISS ADA WALLACE (Mrs. Harry Brooks) presented George Hamael with a handsome blue silk handkerchief on the last day of the six-day race at Madison-square Garden. Harry taken Al. Smith's word for it on Wednesday evening his better-half would not have had to invest in two "ripes."

FACE & VOICES, whose advertisement first in another column is in and in the present issue, has a new catalogue, with many new faces. Uniforms, headgear, etc., and also several books of instructions. They invite our readers send for their new illustrated catalogue.

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 Leslie, Albert
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 Miller, C. (of Fred
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 McIntosh, Thomas
 (of McIntosh & Co.)
 McCarthy, C. (of F-
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 Masland, C. (of
 Masland & Co. (of Murphy
 Miles)
 McKevin, James

Martinez, E. (of Col. Robinson's Co.)
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Meyer, H. (of Col. Robinson's Co.)
Murray, T. E.
McKee, W. (of Col. Robinson's Co.)
Mack, W. (of Col. Robinson's Co.)
Martin, T. (of Col. Robinson's Co.)
McGuigan, Frank
Moore, William
Murphy, — (of Col. Robinson's Co.)
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Maxwell, Barry
McCall, Ned
McDon, Dave
Medinger, T. G.
Mills, J. K.
Mack, John
McGinnis, Charles
Nelson, Andrew
Nickel, Albert
Nugent, J. G.
Oran, Frank L.
Orin, Brothers
Onsala, W.
Overton, C. (of Col. Robinson's Co.)
Oakes, Dave
Orville, Charles
O'Brien, G. A.
Ott, George A. (musicalian)
O'Connell, Francis
Palmer, Orville
Pride, Fred A.
Pigeon, John
Pfeiffer, John
Pfeiffer, Gus (of Col. Robinson's Co.)
Pinkett, Harry
Pringle, Ralph
Powers, — (of Col. Robinson's Co.)
Pelle, J.
Penny, John
Potter, C. A.
Pittman, G. H.
Pook, Will E.
Primrose, West
Pierce, Frank
Powers, Fred
Rankin, McKee

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

QUESTIONS THAT DO NOT REACH THIS OFFICE UNTIL TUESDAY MORNING WILL NOT BE ANSWERED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

J. F. A. Chicago.—Miss Emma Abbott returned to this country about the close of 1876. It is said to have been abroad. It was given out at all events. 3. We have never before heard that Emma Abbott and the lady once known professionally as Mary Noyes are sisters, and hearing it now makes no impression on us. 4. The alleged bet cannot be decided, at least by us. It is simply a matter of opinion as to which singer of the two is foremost, and your opinion is apt to be as sound as that of anybody else, though it may not have the same weight for obvious reasons. 5. We never make public the salaries received by any given artist. There are two grades of salaries—one that an artist actually gets to keep, and one that newspaper reporters and other persons are told that he gets. The latter salary is sometimes the only one mentioned in the contract, and the artist is actually paid it; but there is often a drawback, and it is difficult to decipher some of your questions. 6. If you mean to ask if Mrs. John Drew and Mrs. John Sillbee are the same, Mrs. John Sillbee has been dead two or three years. 8. The maiden name of Mrs. John Drew was Lane. 9. We can only guess that you mean to ask for the cast of "The Princess Royal" at Daly's Fifth Avenue Theatre in 1877. We give it: King of Prussia, C. Fisher; La Metrie, F. Hardenberg; Von Lendorff, W. Davidge; the Trencas, C. Coglian; Kerner, J. B. Stoddy; Von Raven, W. H. Clegg; Spike, J. Lewis; Nolting, J. Drew; Father Herman, Moore; D'Alva, Mr. Forrest; Longoria, F. Bennett; Menzel, T. B. Francis; Kotze, Mr. Macostui; Tony, W. Beckman; Princess Amalie, Miss F. Davenport; Agnete, Miss G. Drew; Miss Dolbel, Miss C. Vinton; Giana, Miss S. Cowell; Bohemienne, Miss Chester.

BARCLAY, Washington.—William Birch kindly answers your question by stating that the San Francisco Minstrels have performed in your city since 1872. In 1872 they appeared at the Opera-house. Y. M.—"The Duke's Motto" is from a French play, written by Paul Feval. 2. "The Seven Sisters" was from an old German play, "The Seven Daughters of Satan." The author of it in the shape in which it was produced at Laura Keane's Theatre, this city, was not announced. It is nevertheless known, but not necessarily for publication. 3. J. E. McDonough had nothing whatever to do with its authorship. He afterwards played the part of Mrs. Peto, originally performed by Peter the comedian, and he was also manager of a combination that presented the spectacle on the road. 4. When "The Little Detective" was first produced, it was announced as having been written expressly for Lotta. 5. It is obviously a matter of individual opinion who is the greatest representative of any character whatsoever.

S. F. Toronto.—I send one dollar to the Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C. It must be accompanied by a printed copy of the title-page. If you ever print the play, you must, in addition, send two copies of it to the Librarian. 2. You cannot get a copy unless you are either a citizen of the United States or a resident thereof in good faith. But you can get some kind of friend to copyright it, and he can transfer it to you.

R. A. W. New Bedford.—1. The Boston Theatre does not cover more ground than any other theatre in the city, that is what you say by larger. The total area of it is 23,782 ft., while the area of the Academy of Music, this city, is 24,290 ft. When we last had occasion to measure them, and apply our rule of 316 ft. to a seat, the Academy, this city, seated fewer than the Boston Theatre. 2. See answer in regular column devoted to correspondence.

CHESTER.—It is quite likely that she has been. 2. There may have been a notice of her second marriage, if she married again; but you will not be able to find it in our files for it is so long ago that we do not know your object and cannot for that reason consider that the matter is of enough importance to justify so great a sacrifice of time.

T. J. D. Boston.—The death of Dan Leon, horizontal bar performer, was announced last summer as having occurred in Rio de Janeiro on May 23, 1881. Heart-disease was the cause. We announced at the same time that neither of our correspondents had any further information could address Mr. Adams, Box 87, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. These announcements were made in THE CLIPPER of July 9 last.

A. L. H. Rochester.—It is not within our present recollection that E. L. Davenport ever played "Euchre Arden" anywhere; but he may have played it a few times outside of our leading cities. It is just as likely, however, that Edwin Adams, J. W. Wallace Jr. or some other dead actor has in this case been confounded with Davenport. We will let you know positively next week.

C. A. S. Bath.—1. We do not know what part she plays. 2. You ought to be able to distinguish between a young girl and a woman who is not only her mother, but has, furthermore, been on the stage about forty years. 3. Miss May Stoddard is the wife of Neil Burgess. 4. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stoddard, travel with "The Widow Bedott" Combination.

H. F. Boston.—Capt. Mayne Reid's novel of "The Scalp Hunters" has been the subject of a play already. The late John H. Wilkins, an English actor, who wrote "St. Marc," "Charity's Love," and other plays, dramatized Reid's novel, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Davenport played it in this country a few years after their return from England, if they had not previously played it in that country.

M. H. C. Macon.—1. Frederick Paulding died his company a few months ago, and went to Florida for his health. 2. It is uncertain whether or not he will play next season. 3. We must decline to give the addresses of teachers. 4. Strictly, there are no such schools in this country.

C. C. Middletown.—1. No answers by mail. 2. By inserting in our advertising columns a card of two or three lines, stating just what you want, a number of such writers will be brought to light. 3. No one makes a specialty of writing for traveling troupes alone. All write for stationary troupes.

J. W. G. Louisville.—We cannot decide the bet. It is a matter of individual opinion what it is that constitutes a reputation, in the first place, and it is also a matter of individual opinion, after that, as to how long a reputation is to last. 4. We must decline to give the addresses of teachers. 5. Strictly, there are no such schools in this country.

G. W. Boston.—Many persons have claimed that they have turned a triple somersault, several who have been tempted to turn it have broken their necks. We have never seen one turned, and question that anybody has ever turned what we call a complete triple somersault.

G. L. C. Chicago.—"Forget-me-not" was first produced in America on Nov. 26, 1879, at Baldwin's Theatre, San Francisco; but Miss Genevieve Ward did not play in it then. It was an unauthorized production of the play.

M. J. R. —It is Rose Kerritt, and not Rose Sheffield, you mean to inquire about. She is not dead, but has for a number of years last past been in retirement. You can address her in care of THE CLIPPER Post-office.

M. J. R. Pittsburg.—1. See regular column of answers to correspondents. 2. We have no present recollection of their having traveled as the Fiddlers. John and Maggie are the only ones we can now think of as having traveled as such.

D. B. S. St. Louis.—1. From thirty to one hundred dollars a week. 2. About thirty dollars, if he is not more than fair, whether he plays the organ or dances in a class. 3. We do not publish the salary that any individual performer receives.

E. M. P. Washington.—1. We furnish nothing but THE CLIPPER and its Almanac. 2. You might address Ed. James, whose card see in our business columns, as to the photographs. He can probably get them for you if they are for sale.

F. H. Lynn.—Watch our amusement pages, find out where Miss Emma Abbott is to be, and address her; or you can mail her a letter in care of THE CLIPPER Post-office, and her business manager may send for it.

F. N. Rochester.—1. The libretto. 2. "It is not in mortals to command success." But we'll do more, Seneca—let's see it. 3. "Cato." 4. "Cato." 5. "Cato." 6. "Cato." 7. "Cato." 8. "Cato." 9. "Cato." 10. "Cato." 11. "Cato." 12. "Cato." 13. "Cato." 14. "Cato." 15. "Cato." 16. "Cato." 17. "Cato." 18. "Cato." 19. "Cato." 20. "Cato." 21. "Cato." 22. "Cato." 23. "Cato." 24. "Cato." 25. "Cato." 26. "Cato." 27. "Cato." 28. "Cato." 29. "Cato." 30. "Cato." 31. "Cato." 32. "Cato." 33. "Cato." 34. "Cato." 35. "Cato." 36. "Cato." 37. "Cato." 38. "Cato." 39. "Cato." 40. "Cato." 41. "Cato." 42. "Cato." 43. "Cato." 44. "Cato." 45. "Cato." 46. "Cato." 47. "Cato." 48. "Cato." 49. "Cato." 50. "Cato." 51. "Cato." 52. "Cato." 53. "Cato." 54. "Cato." 55. "Cato." 56. "Cato." 57. "Cato." 58. "Cato." 59. "Cato." 60. "Cato." 61. "Cato." 62. "Cato." 63. "Cato." 64. "Cato." 65. "Cato." 66. "Cato." 67. "Cato." 68. "Cato." 69. "Cato." 70. "Cato." 71. "Cato." 72. "Cato." 73. "Cato." 74. "Cato." 75. "Cato." 76. 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with. The very idea is harrowing. Yet it is nowadays absolutely necessary to cultivate new ideas in the show business. It is an anomalous fact that the Yale crew appeared in a variety theatre in the capital of the Hoosier State recently. (H)all in a "row." (Charles H. Yale is the manager of the house, and Lillie Hall was the star in "Hassanabad.") Wonder how much longer it will be before half a dozen men will control all the theatres in the country, and another half a dozen will manage our combinations. Another thing that has caused a great deal of sorrow and the tendency of our theatrical friends to resort to the courts whenever a little difficulty breaks in upon the otherwise serene condition of their professional habits and customs, such as default to settle accounts according to the bond, violation of contracts, cancellation of engagements, etc. Of course, these legal discussions and court proceedings cost the parties there considerable money, to say nothing of loss of time, etc. Where cases of the kind can be settled amicably, without resorting to the law and to lawyers, it would be far better to adopt the plan of peace than to rush into the mills of the courts, which grind the disputants into very fine particles. We propose to write a bit of poetry, videlicet:

SETTLED AT LAST.

A suit was brought in court last week by the actress Marie Prescott.

She gained her case, and now the man must needs "pull down his trousers."

.....The break-down of Ross in his recent tour of the country will teach him a lesson and that is, that the United States language could be made more useful and profitable to him than that of his own country. One by one the meters fall. Murrah Jumbo is a coming! Jumbo is a big elephant, and very popular in London. All we want now to add to our bagpipes is a real Jumbo. Neither Patsy nor Roscoe Conklin was in the street parade of the "Greatest Show on Earth" last Saturday night. And yet the latter was not taking part in the Benches show at Washington. We haven't had a good, solid dog-fight in this city for some time. Is it possible that Wilde and the methic craze have exerted a baleful influence on the dog question? Besides bluebirds and shad, organ-grinders are preparing for an early start on the road. All these things foretell an early spring. Dusters should be taken out of camp and shook out. Summer is a coming. An entertainment for the benefit of the building fund of the New York Press Club is to take place at the Academy of Music this evening. Free!-t! suspended, the press accepted. It promises to be a very pleasant reunion of the members of the fourth estate.

CITY SUMMARY.

"THE BLACK FLAG" will not be produced either in Niblo's Garden or the Grand Opera-house, as had been intended. It is now said that Charles R. Thorne Jr. does not design to play in the piece during a tour of the country next season. Saved at last. We feared he would become a pirate and sail forever under "The Black Flag."

MARIE PRESCOTT, who sued Edings & Cox in the Marine Court the past week for \$1,962.25 for breach of contract, got a verdict for \$762.20. Miss Prescott is to star in 1881 under the management of Edings & Cox, but the venture was not successful.

M. V. LINGMAN'S FUNERAL took place March 8 from "The Little Church Around the Corner," which was well filled by relatives and friends of the deceased actor, as well as by ladies and gentlemen of the dramatic profession. The religious services were conducted by Rev. Alexander MacMillan, and the pallbearers were Messrs. Charles E. MacMillan, Harry Edwards, George Edgar, John Matthews, Dr. Robertson and Henry Tillingham. The interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

ERIC BAYLEY'S COMPANY playing "The Colonel," now resting here, are to resume their tour in Savannah, Ga., March 20. HENRY E. ARNEY is to become the lessee and manager of the Grand Opera-house, commencing at the theatre, which is the owner of the theatre, will be his partner.

DEN HOWE is in town, organizing a party for the Black Hills. It will consist of variety and dramatic artists, to start in about two weeks.

THERE was a full house at Miner's Eighth-avenue Theatre on Monday evening, March 13, when Harry Miner and Pat Rooney's New York Star Combination commenced an engagement at this house. The entertainment throughout was as excellent in quality as it was varied in character, and there is every reason to expect big business while the present attractions remain. The performance embraced the entertaining farce "Dodging for a Wife," in which Fred J. Huber, Louis Robin, Eva Byron and Kitty Alynne were seen; Miss Flora King in a selection of serio-comic songs, Grandall and Gustovera in their usual sketch "Echoes from Germany," the Lamartine Brothers, whose exhibition of acrobatic skill startled the audience; the Coghill Brothers, of whose drolleries in their specialty of "Chit Chat," the people seemed not likely to grow weary; Prof. Stirk, Mlle. Laura Zeller and M. L. Zalto, clever bicyclists, who executed a succession of seeming impossible feats on the silent streets of New York; and in the latter part of the evening, a succession of Irish character, comic ditties and inimitable gesticulations and bodily contortions, which gained him a tumult of applause, albeit he was prevented by a severe cold from doing himself justice; Sharpley and West in "Smiles," in which they introduced performances on various musical instruments; Miss Minnie Lee, the favorite songstress of the theatre, in a selection of songs; Miss Fanny Beane and Charles Gilday, established favorites here, in their latest act, "The Picnic," wherein they won new friends and tightened their hold on old admirers; Lamont and Duerow, in their grotesque act "Happy Hottentots," which both surprised and pleased; Walton and Edwards, in "The Deltcher Fancy Ball," and Cronin and Sullivan, Irish sketch artists in "Life in London," in which they were assisted by Miss Eva Byron, Charles Eastwood and Charles West, and which merrily concluded an evening surcharged with fun.

THERE is a strong probability that the project of erecting another opera-house here will be abandoned. It is understood that several of the gentlemen comprising "The Metropolitan Opera-house Company," who had been in town to build French state. It would require a large amount of moral turpitude to contradict them.

"THE MERRY WAR," the three-act opera in which Johann Strauss and Messrs. F. Zell and R. Genee have all had a co-operative hand, is to be brought out at the Thalia Theatre March 15. It is met that the Sixth Ward should have served up to it what no fewer than twenty-seven cities of Europe have pronounced as good as fun in German can be to anybody but a German.

"TANIA," a drama that depicts modern Russian life, was performed for the first time on any stage at the Thalia Theatre on the night of March 11, in presence of an audience that almost tested the full capacity of the "Old Bowery" as reconstructed. The play is by S. E. Schweitzer, a journalist of this city, and is a masterpiece of dramatic art. It is touchingly pathetic, strongly declamatory at times, interesting in its story, and possesses no more than the average of faults with dramatic compositions when they are first made the subject of experiments by way of feeling the public taste.

"CLAUDE DUVAL" has been doing well at the Standard Theatre, although Monday night Monday only a fairly good house. It will be given as last week, three nights and the Wednesday matinee, followed by "Patience" on Thursday evening and the remainder of the week.

JOHANN STRAUSS, according to a cablegram dated London, March 12, has been engaged as musical-director for the new Casino.

MAGGIE MITCHELL closed her engagement in the Grand Opera-house March 11, the programme as announced in our past issue having been given to good business.

AT TONY PASTOR'S FOURTEENTH-STREET THEATRE an entertainment of a light and varied nature was given March 13, attracting an excellent attendance. The performance commenced with the sketch "Our Claude Duval, or the Female Highwaymen," in which Jacques Kruger, Frank Guard, Dan Colyer and the lady members of the company exerted themselves to the uttermost, although the material they had to work upon was much too slight to enable them to gain more than a passing laugh. Mlle. Barre's met with unqualified approval in her new sketch, "The Scholar's Return," which served as a happy medium for displaying her polyglot vocalism and her neat and graceful dancing. Wood, Beasley and the Weston Brothers were the recipients of well-earned applause in their musical act, which formed by no means the least attractive portion of the evening's amusement. Tony Pastor's capital comic contributions secured to be keenly relished. The concluding operatic burlesque, "Patience" continued to deserve the favorable reception accorded to it during the preceding seven weeks. Lillian Russell, who is a very pleasing Patience, was complimented with a handsome floral offering. The comic opera "Billie Taylor" will receive its first production here March 20, with Lillian Russell and company in the cast. A complimentary benefit will be given on the afternoon of March 30 to Harry S. Sanderson, the treasurer and business-manager of this theatre. Various novelties are to be provided on this occasion, added to which the real and ability with which Mr. Sanderson has shown in his capacity of manager will doubtless insure for him a goodly number of his numerous friends.

LAWRENCE HARRATT'S season, which had proved fairly successful in Haverly's Fifth-avenue Theatre, closed March 11. The announced programmes having been faithfully carried out.

THE LAST WEEK of M. B. Curtis as Sam'l of Posen in Haverly's Fourteenth-street Theatre commenced auspiciously, considering how frequently the piece has been played, the auditorium being fairly well filled. Mr. Curtis opens in Niblo's Garden March 20, and on that date Haverly's two Matinee Minstrel troupes consolidated begin at this theatre. "PATIENCE" is announced to be performed for the hundredth time by the San Francisco Minstrels March 17 (St. Patrick's Day). There was a fairly good attendance Monday night, when the only changes in the bill were "Mary Smiled the Clouds Away," sung by Stanley Grey, and the comicality entitled "Troubles in de Family," given by Johnson and Powers.

THAT "EMERALDA," now in its fifth month, drew a good-sized audience to the Madison-square Theatre March 13 is all that need be said at present. H. M. Pitt has resumed the role of the Count Clermont Latour in "Odette" at Daly's Theatre, and the programme this week shows other changes in the cast. Henry Miller has resumed the role of Duke De Mervan, George Vandenhoff Jr. as Viscount De Frontenac has been replaced by George Parkes, who played Carillan, which is now impersonated by M. Harman, and Miss Emma Hinesley acts Mme. Worland instead of Nelly Howard. Business was good Monday night.

THE LAST WEEK of Dion Boucicault in "Sail-a-More" in Booth's Theatre opened in the presence of a moderate attendance. The Boston Comic-opera Company are to open March 20 in "The Pirates of Penzance."

"SQUATTER SOVEREIGNTY" defies dislodgment at the New Theatre Comique, and Harry and Hart must perform to content to stand supinely by while the New York public nightly bring a miniature fortune into their pockets. A special feature is to be made of the goat on Friday afternoon, March 17, when a performance will be given in honor of St. Patrick.

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AT HAVERTY'S FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE the attraction this week is the Comely-Barton Comic-opera Company. They opened in "Manola" March 13. The opera was put on as handsomely as before and accepted as such. Howson and Leslie Booth were the stars of the evening. The latter in England. H. Crisp did the Prince and was expected to, considering that the part was taken at short notice; and Harry St. Maur, while he did not make as much of it as was indicative of his predecessor in the role, gave a very good presentation of Don Basilio. Catherine Lewis was particularly happy as Manola. There is no one in the cast now to take the place of the late, and happiness might be said to be the result of the change. The chorus and orchestra were often at fault, and the charming, graceful music of this opera awakened but little applause. The house was only fair. "Odette" will be given March 15, 16, "Mme. Favart" 17, 18. The troupe here one week only.

NIBLO'S GARDEN on the night of March 13 revived the sensational drama of "The Student of Rome," now presented by Frank May and his combination. There was an excellent attendance, and a cordial welcome was accorded the Tom Badger of the night, Mr. Mayo. His support are thoroughly competent, being made up at the present time of Miss May Davenport as Lucy, Mrs. E. L. Davenport as Mrs. Fairweather, Miss Mattie Earle as Alida Bloodgood, Miss Mary L. Young as Mrs. Puffy, T. M. Hunter as Capt. Fairweather, J. B. Baker as Livingston, Harold Forsberg as Bloodgood, J. T. Malone as Paul, Carl Ahrendt as Puffy, Edwin Frank as Dan, Harry Davenport as Bob the bootblack, T. H. Conly as Edwards the servant, and D. Giffith as L. Carpenter and Frank Learning severally as the Policeman, the Reporter and the Sheriff. The orchestral music here is usually noticeable because of the fitness of the selections. "The Irish Patrol," the work of Charles Fugner, the least at Niblo's, continues to be as well received here as it has been in other theatres in this city. "Sam'l of Posen" brings his wares to this house on March 20.

AN EXCELLENT COMPANY furnished ample amusement to a large audience at the National Theatre March 13. The olio embraced several highly interesting features, including the Hove Brothers, who sang and danced, and a quartet of the Sisters in the sketch entitled "The Actor's Family." Miss St. George Hussey in her Irish male-impersonations; Lene Shillito in a musical act; Edwards and Morton in grotesque songs-and-dances, and the Powers Brothers in skatolical evolutions. The performance concluded with the drama called "Eviction," in which Gus Reynolds and Chas. Fugner acted. The latter, who has been a favorite here, was supported by J. Winston Murray and dramatic company.

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THE ACTORS' FUND.—The benefit given at Haverly's Fourteenth-street Theatre after the performance of March 13 yielded \$368. It was reported that J. K. Emmet was to have given a benefit for the same purpose in New Orleans, La., during his engagement, which closed March 11, but our correspondent makes no mention of such a performance having taken place. A meeting of managers was held in this city 15, at which Lester Wallack was elected secretary, and A. M. Palmer treasurer of the fund for the ensuing year. It was decided to give matinee performances at all of the theatres in this city and Brooklyn April 3, each manager to select his own attraction. A general feeling of admission is to be issued, which shall be good at any one of the theatres. The fund is to be tried as an experiment for one year, and if it shall prove successful benefits will then hereafter be given once a year. We have little faith in it. Professional jealousies have wrecked many similar organizations, and it will be very difficult to arrange a plan of distributing a fund in a manner satisfactory to professionals. It may be somewhat more to the point, but it will be exceedingly hard work to get much of the money out of the hands of the custodians, owing to the profession of red tape that will, probably, be used in trying it up.

HARRY MINER'S BOWERY THEATRE received its usual liberal share of patronage March 13, when the programme included the following highly-enjoyable features: E. D. Davies in his capital display of ventriloquism, Williams and Pickert in clog-dances, George Homer and George Lingard in the sketch entitled "Our Pleasure Party," Dick Morosco and Kitty Gardner in Teutonic specialties, the Bookers in songs-and-dances, Naomi in juggling, Lillie Western in her musical act, Dollie Davenport in popular songs, George Kaine in German and Hebrew songs and imitations, Young Ajax in feats of contortion, the Alwads—Gus and Nellie—in mid-reading, Ward and Lynch in Irish sketches, and the Mesatherian Four—Kelly, Lyons, Devaney and O'Brien—in Ethiopian songs-and-dances.

CHARLES BACKUS is slowly improving in health. He was able to sit up March 11.

"THE WORLD" has again returned to us after a trip across the continent, and may now be witnessed at the Grand Opera-house, where a crowded audience gazed at its sensational effects March 13. An extra matinee is announced for St. Patrick's Day.

ELLA WEINER, while performing at Harry-Miner's Theatre the past week, was presented with a laurel wreath decorated with red, white and blue ribbons, with the inscription: "To Miss Ella Weiner. Take the laurels—in your business they are yours."

AT BOOTH'S THEATRE two extra matinees are to be given this week—Wednesday and Friday.

"OUR BOARDING-HOUSE" is to be revived at the Grand Opera-house for one week commencing April 3. "GIMONSTRY," a light opera, is to succeed "Odette" at Daly's Theatre. The cast will include James Lewis, Digby Bell, Harry Macdonough, Charles Leclercq, H. Bedell, the Misses May Fielding, Francesca Guthrie, Marie Williams, Misses Everson and Agnes Ferring.

THE AQUARIUM is to be transformed into a variety theatre under the title of the American Criterion.

THE ROMAN STRUZZ, under the conductorship of Carlo Cing, are among the principal features of the programme presented at the Metropolitan Theatre this week and their entertainment calls for marks of decided approbation.

LIZZIE MCALL BYRON THE CORONER.—Coroner Knox began the inquest in the case of George Barry Wall at 11.30 A. M. of March 14. Mrs. Wall was present. After hearing testimony the jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from the effects of a pistol-shot wound carelessly inflicted by his wife. The prisoner was taken back to Raymond-street Jail, Brooklyn, and any other action in the matter will rest on the Kings County officials.

DRAMATIC.

THAT LAW regarding a yearly State license of \$500 for theatres, which seems to be the Nemesis of Philadelphia managers, now accretes the soul of Geo. Wood, manager of Wood's Theatre, and Wm. Gallagher, lessee of the Grand Central Theatre. They were arrested last week for non-payment, and gave bail for court. They have excellent counsel engaged, and say they will fight to the bitter end.

RYAN, Chas. Stanley, Willis Page, Leo Wolcott, Sid Smith, Carrie May, Emma Vaders, Ethel Williams and Marie Bates have been engaged to support Harry Meredith in his new play "Barney" at the Grand Opera-house, commencing March 10, at 10 o'clock. It is to be produced at the Grand Opera-house, commencing March 10, at 10 o'clock. It is to be produced at the Grand Opera-house, commencing March 10, at 10 o'clock.

LILLIE HINTON, leading-lady and stock star of Wood's Museum, Philadelphia, is indisposed and unable to play. She is suffering from general debility, due to the professional strain which she has been subjected to ever since she entered the profession three seasons ago.

LITTLE CARIE ELBERTS, an eight-year-old actress, created quite a furore at Haverly's Theatre, Philadelphia, during the run of "Lights of London." She played Tim the Wolf so well that she was recalled after her exit at every performance, and on March 7 was presented with two beautiful bouquets. She plays Sir Arthur in "Roses of London" with Lester Wallack at N. Y., during the coming week.

LOUISE SILVERSTEIN was taken ill while playing in "Lights of London" at Haverly's Theatre, Philadelphia, after the performance of March 11. Though suffering, she bravely struggled through her part, and played at night, too.

WM. J. FETTER, the well-known scenic-artist, has returned to his home in Philadelphia. For some time past he has been engaged in the management of the "Lighthouse" at N. Y.

PHILADELPHIA LODGE No. 1, B. P. O. of Elks, to which Wm. D. Gemmill belonged, telegraphed to San Francisco that they would defray all the dead actor's expenses.

HAVERTY'S Comic-opera Company and his "Michael Strogoff" Company will loom up at Haverly's Theatre, Philadelphia, during the present season.

AT THE PARK THEATRE, Boston, Mass., Rose Eyttinge concluded her week of "Felicity" March 11, having played to good business. This week Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Goodwin and company appear in "The Member for Slocum" and "Hobbies." Next week, for the first time in Boston, the Madison square Opera-house will play "The Pirates of Penzance" and "Hobbies." The WINDSOR THEATRE, Boston, Mass., held fair audience last week, and Skiff's California Minstrels gave a first-class show, meeting with a warm reception. This week J. A. Stevens and company appear in "Pique."

"PATIENCE" was produced at Bucksport, Me., March 8 by Dora Wiley. Dick Golden heard the news and left Haverly's Opera-house, and got to Bucksport, Me., where he was the mother of the play.

CHARLES ATKINSON has got through his lyceum engagements in the West and returned to Boston, Mass., to look after his interest in the Casino, a Summer resort to be opened this season. An opera by Charles D. Blake will be among the novelties brought out.

JOHN J. BURNETT, who has been playing "Dreams" at the Gaiety Theatre, Boston, Mass., during the past week to very large audiences. This is their last week, and the 500th performance of "Dreams," to take place March 18, will be duly celebrated. The Sparks will play on the Eastern circuit after leaving the Gaiety. John Mackay of this company is still ill, but is improving. Next week Carnaross Minstrels come to the Gaiety. Neil Burgess and M. B. Curtis follow in order, and "The Pirates of Penzance" will be produced during the latter's engagement.

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THE GOLDEN THOUERS played in Houma, Ga., March 6, 7, 8, Thibodaux, La., 9, 10, Morgan City, Ga., 11; thence to Texas.

MISS HELEN HOWARD of Smith's Boston Double "Uncle Tom" Co., was recently presented with a pair of valuable souvenir bracelets by the members of the company.

FIRE.—Baum's Opera-house, a frame structure recently built in Richmond, N. Y., was totally destroyed by fire in the morning of March 8. The fire originated, it is thought, from a stove under the stage. The house was owned by H. W. Baum & Son, whose loss is \$3,000, with an insurance of \$3,000.

THE "Hazel Kirtle" Co., No. 2, played in Freeport, Ill., March 6, Rockford 7, Dubuque, Ia., 8, Cedar Rapids 9, Iowa City 10, Washington 11, Oskaloosa 12; thence to Des Moines 14, Council Bluffs 15, St. Joseph, Mo., 16, Kansas City 17, 18.

FAY TEMPLETON, while playing recently in Greenville, Miss., was presented by Mrs. Gen. Ferguson with a valuable gold bracelet.

MRS. TANNHILL is recovering from a threatened attack of pneumonia in Philadelphia, Pa.

THE FUNERAL of J. H. Banks took place in Toronto, Ont., March 7, his remains being interred in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Our correspondent writes: "A large number of personal and theatrical friends of the deceased were present, among the latter being all the members of the Herndon Comedy Company. The floral tributes were very handsome, but particularly noticeable were those sent by the management of the Royal Opera-house. His widow, Mrs. Dora Banks, has to return her warm thanks, through THE CLIPPER, to Oliver Doud Byron and his wife for their warm sympathy and many substantial acts of kindness during the last illness of her husband; also to the members of Mr. Byron's company, who insisted upon paying all the funeral expenses of herself and deceased and from Florida. In the obituary already published Mr. Banks' age was given as 82, whereas the time of his death he had just completed his thirty-fourth year."

THE VILLAS played in Crown Point, Ind., March 10, 11, Monticello 13, Frankfort 14, 15, Tipton 16.

BROOKS & DICKSON'S "WORLD" Co. No. 2 played in Augusta, Ga., March 9, Savannah 10, 11, Charleston, S. C., 13, 14, 15; thence to Wilmington, N. C., 16, Norfolk, Va., 17, 18, Richmond 20, 21, 22, Wilmington, Del., 23, Trenton, N. J., 24, Brunswick 25.

OLIVER DOUD BYRON'S COMBINATION is due in Waco, Texas, March 20, 21, Corsicana 22, Turrell 23, Dallas 24, 25, Fort Worth 27, Gainesville 28, Denison 29, Sherman 30, Bonham 31, Paris April 1.

"ALL AT SEA," with Kate Castleton, Frank Bush, A. W. Madin and others in the cast, is to be played in the Providence (R. I.) Opera-house March 13, 14, 15. Mary Anderson fills out the week.

HAVERTY'S "Michael Strogoff" Company opened at Macaulay's Theatre, Louisville, Ky., March 13, for one week. Smith & Masteyer's Tourists closed 8, after three nights of big business. Owing to the disbanding of Ross's company the house remained closed 9, 10.

HUCK'S OPERA-HOUSE, Cincinnati, is occupied the present week by the Madison-square Theatre "Hazel Kirtle" Co.

THE JARACHUCK COMBINATION did a fair business at the Olympic Theatre, St. Louis, last week, and are in Chicago this week. March 13 the Strakosch Italian Opera Company commenced a week's engagement with Mlle. Etelka Gerster as Lucia. Rice's Surprise Party commence a week's engagement 19. Robson and Crane will begin 26 the last engagement to be given within the walls of the old Olympic Theatre, closing April 1.

HAVERTY'S "Michael Strogoff" Combination drew full audiences last week at the Grand Opera-house, St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. McKee Bank commenced March 13 a week's engagement in "49." Annie Pittle closed 20.

THE MADISON-SQUARE THEATRE COMPANY drew large and fashionable audiences to Pope's Theatre, St. Louis, last week. The Kiraly Bros. present "The Black Crook" this week, and will be followed by Kate Claxton.

THE GEORGE-HOPPER COMPANY appeared at the Richmond (Va.) Theatre March 6, 7, 8, 9, in "One Hundred Wives," to good-sized audiences the first two nights, and only fails the remaining. They play in Washington, D. C., 13, and Baltimore 20, one week each. Sneaker's Majestic Combination is due 13, 14, and Frank Mordant 18.

RIEKE'S "EVANGELINE" COMPANY played in Hornellsville, N. Y., to good business March 6, Elmira 7, Williamsport, Pa., 8, Harrisburg 9, Reading 10, Wilmington, Del., 11, Baltimore, Md., 12, Philadelphia, Pa., 20, one week each.

AT THE ROYAL OPERA-HOUSE, Cincinnati, the "Celebrated Case" Combination opened a three-nights' engagement March 13. Herndon's Company closed 11. Business fair. Route: Brampton, Ont., 14, 15, 16, Hamilton 16, 17, 18, Simcoe 20, 21, 22, St. Catharines 23, 24, 25.

GEORGE HUCK, the assistant-treasurer of the Olympic Theatre, St. Louis, at his benefit March 4, was presented by Joseph A. Robertson, manager of the People's Theatre, on behalf of the friends of the beneficiary, with a gold watch and chain said to have cost \$200. On one side of the case is the monogram "G. H." and on the other "1882." Inside is inscribed: "Presented to George Hucker by his St. Louis friends at the last benefit given at the Olympic Theatre, March 4, 1882." Attached to the chain is a locket bearing the words: "Olympic Theatre. Admit one."

POSTER'S BROTHERS and Sam Roberts were the new appearances at the Eldorado, Cincinnati, O., March 13. Closed 11: Dick Baker, Haley and Flynn, Will A. Barron, and Arada Maxwell.

AT THE COLLEGE, Cincinnati, the entire company closed March 11. Good audiences were the rule for the week. The house is occupied the present week by Heath, McIntyre & Belmont's Minstrels.

THE BOSTON DRAMATIC COMPANY announced that they would play "Ten Nights in a Bar-room" in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday evening, March 8, but were stopped by the police. Ed. Church & Co. have commenced a suit against the city, claiming \$5,000 damages.

THE "ALL THE RAGE" COMPANY opened at the Holiday-street Theatre, Baltimore, Md., March 13. John T. Raymond in "Freak" drew well the past week, closing 11, and going to Washington 13.

THE "UNCLE REUBEN LOWDER" COMPANY, under the management of Simon Quinlin of Chicago, are billed in Fremont, Neb., March 15, Lincoln 16, 17, 18, Nebraska City 20, 21, Atchison, Kas., 24, 25.

AZENA ARMOND is inquired for by Mrs. H. L. Albee. See card elsewhere.

FENTON'S SELLER ALLIANCE Co. began a week's season March 13 in Menomonee, Wis.

"MY ORGALDINE" COMPANY, under the management of W. H. Power, played in Shreveport, La., March 13, 14, going to Marshall, Texas, 15, Fort Worth 16, Dallas 17, 18, Parsons, Kas., 20, Fort Scott 21.

J. K. EMMETT was to have opened at Leubrie's Theatre, Memphis, Tenn., March 13, for three nights and matinee. ANDREW MORRIS, Ida Mausey, and Young Victor (Tooley), with a first-class company of specialty artists and panomimists, will be the attraction No. 1 of A. B. Robertson's enterprises next season.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE S. KNIGHT are due in Jackson, Mich., March 15, Bay City 16, East Saginaw 17, Flint 18, Grand Rapids 20, Muskegon 21, Ionia 22, Detroit 23, 24, 25.

DION BOUTICAULT begins an engagement at the Arch-street Theatre, Philadelphia, March 20, when "Sail-a-More" will be produced for the first time in that city.

MARGARET LAMMER of the stock company of Wood's Museum, Philadelphia, has received from the Madison-square Theatre, New York, a letter offering her for next season.

ATTA DICKSON has been engaged at the Chestnut-street Opera-house, Philadelphia, April 3.

AGNES DALY'S Company will do "The Passing Regiment"—its first production in Philadelphia—April 17; to be followed by the Vokes Family 24.

INDIFFERENTLY PORTENDED has been the social and banquet of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 2, B. P. O. of Elks, which, as announced in last week's CLIPPER, was to have taken place at Madison-square Hall, New York, March 17.

LATROUSE & RUFFINO's new Opera-house, Delphi, Ind., is to be dedicated about March 25.

MRS. E. F. THORNE continues quite ill at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia. She is still confined to her bed, but is slowly improving, though Mr. Thorne says it will probably be at least two weeks before she will be able to be about.

AT STROKES-WINDOW on Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, there is on exhibition a very fine oil-painting called "Sunset." It is from the brush of the well-known artist F. F. Mackay, who in his younger days studied at under Moran.

W. C. GOSWICK and B. J. Murphy have organized a comedy company of nine performers, with which they propose entertaining the people in the interior of California and Nevada. Miss Josephine Young, daughter of the late Brigham Young, is a member of this company, and will, during the tour, deliver her lecture on "Mormonism."

SALUBRITY'S THEATROUS opened an engagement of three performances at the Grand Opera-house, Indianapolis, Ind., March 10, to a good attendance, their new piece, "Greenroom Fun," proving very amusing. [Our correspondent failed to give a description of the piece.]

AT EVELINE'S OPERA-HOUSE, Indianapolis, Ind., "Youth," as interpreted by the Boston Theatre Company, proved a financial failure for four performances, commencing March 6. Kate Claxton followed 9 in "Frou-Frou," "A Double Marriage" being given 10, and "The Two Orphans" 11—matinee and night. The audience was not so numerous as expected, except on latter days. Route: Dayton, O., 13, Xenia 15, Springfield 15, Bellefontaine 16, Columbus 17, St. Louis 20, Chicago 27, one week each. Anna Dickinson comes to English 13, 14, in "Hamlet," and "Camille" respectively. "Deacon Cranekett" 17, 18, 19.

CHARLOTTE THOMPSON played in Elmira, N. Y., March 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1892.

FRED JULIAN, advance-agent of Jay Templeton, is a son of Hon. Geo. W. Julian, residing at Irvington, a suburb of Indianapolis, Ind.

AT ROBINSON'S OPERA-HOUSE, Cincinnati, the Hanlon Brothers in "Le Voyage en Suisse" enjoyed good houses the past week. Their entertainment was well appreciated, and they remain another week at the theatre.

HORY & HARDY'S "A Child of State" Combination occupy the Grand Opera-house, Cincinnati, this week.

JEAN CLARA WALKERS has returned to San Francisco, and was specially engaged at the Baldwin Theatre to appear in "The Ours of Cain."

THE NELLY BOY COMBINATION is touring California. Paul O. Birm is acting advance-agent.

THE WALLIS SISTERS, Jennie and Maud—were to have arrived in Frisco March 8 for their trip through the Southern California circuit. They contemplate a professional trip through Oregon.

JULIA A. HUNT in "Florine" is to be at the Academy, Cleveland, O., March 30, for one week. Anthony & Ellis' "Uncle Tom" Co. opened 17 for one week. Miss Jefferys Lewis closed 12. Business has been light, and the company closed their season here is contradicted by the management.

THE FUNERAL of Alice Wright took place March 6 in Cleveland, O., the Rev. J. W. Brown officiating. Her remarks were in good taste, and very much felt by the members of the profession in attendance. Matinees were given at the Opera-house and Academy of Music, and a large number of people attended upon her, which netted from the "Baron Rudolph" Co. \$130, and \$86 from Miss Lewis' Co.

AT THE GRIFFIN OPERA-HOUSE, Troy, N. Y., "The World" did a very large business March 6, 7, 8, and went to Newark 9, 10, 11.

THE GRAND OPERA-HOUSE, Columbus, O., has been leased for next season to Geo. Stoneburn of Lancaster. Theo. Morris' lease expires 15.

M. S. BARBER, ticket-broker of Comstock's Opera-house, Columbus, O., joins Sells-Baker. Circus March 25.

BUFFALO BILL attracted large gallery audiences to Music Hall, Albany, N. Y., March 9, 10. Route from there: Troy 13, North Adams 14, Greenfield 15, Fitchburg 16, Concord, N. H., 17, Manchester 18.

GRANVILLE WARD in "Forget-me-not" commenced a week's engagement at the Grand Opera-house, Albany, N. Y., March 13. The opening audience was only of medium proportions. Route: Montreal, P. Q., 20, 21, Ottawa 22, 23, Brockville 24, Kingston 25, Toronto 26, 27, Hamilton 28, Buffalo, N. Y., 30, 31, April 1. The Florence concluded a four nights' season 9. Business was fair. Tony Denier's "Humpty Dumpty" did pretty fairly 10, 11.

NELLIE BLOOM received at Baldwin's Theatre, Frisco, Cal., a complimentary benefit March 3, when she played Romeo to Miss Phoebe Davis' Juliet. W. E. Sheridan for the occasion volunteered his services, and impersonated the dual roles of Mercutio and the Apothecary with artistic ability. "Robert Emmet," with Sheridan volunteering in the title role, was given 4 for the benefit of the Ladies' Land League.

WOOD'S MUSEUM, Philadelphia, was moderately attended, afternoon and night March 13. "Led Astray" was played on the former occasion. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was played night of 13. Light attendance for the week ending March 11.

ATKINSON'S JOLLITIES, says our Troy correspondent, "are in hard luck, and temporarily laid up. They were billed to appear at Baldwin's Opera-house, Troy, N. Y., in 'The Electric Doll' March 6, 7, and, according to a prominent physician, learned that he was attacked with diphtheria. Not until evening of 6 was the announcement of his illness made known to the public, and then only by placard on one of the opera-house doors. Engagements of the troupe at Ballston and Albany were cancelled, but 9 Mr. Felch went with the company to Hudson, where he intended to play, though he fell from well. Just before eight o'clock he was taken with a relapse, and was again prostrated. The audience was dismissed, and the troupe went by night train to Great Barrington, Vt., where its members belong. Of course the date of their setting out again is indefinite. Local managers Powers & Preston will lose about \$300 on Troy and Ballston failure, but the Jollities management promise everything honorable."

"FOX ON THE BALCONY" drew well at the Walnut-street Theatre, Philadelphia, March 13, and will continue there till 20, when Frank Mordant will appear in "Old Shipmates." The Harrisons in "Photos" closed a very light engagement March 11.

FOR THE WEEK of March 20 Robinson and Crane are booked at the Opera-house, Cleveland, O. Herne's "Hearts of Oak" opened 13. Geo. Knight closed a moderate engagement 11. This theatre is paying great attention to its settings, and some of the scenes in "Baron Rudolph" were elegant. Miss Charlotte Cobb retires from the company, and Miss Clara Baker assumes the character of Rhoda.

CROWDED HOUSES have been the rule during the engagement of the Ideal Opera Company at the Boston (Mass.) Theatre. The present week concludes the engagement. [See telegraphic reports.] "The World" is to be brought out next week. The scenery by Mr. Gets, the mechanical appliances by Mr. Prescott, and the properties by Mr. Sullivan are all of the most elaborate kind. The cast will include Messrs. Edmund, Parks, Magninnes, Price, Sullivan, Eberle, Kent and others, and Mrs. Barry, Annie Prescott and Miss France.

N. LOTHIAN JR., stage-manager of the B. & O. Theatre company, has returned to Boston to assist in the production of "The World," and his place with the "Youth" Combination has been taken by E. Y. Backus, assistant stage-manager. Manager Eugene Tompkins has engaged Maurice Barrymore, E. D. Tannehill, Kate Meek, Helen Leigh and Carrie Chase to fill the places in the traveling company and the "World."

AT THE NEW THEATRE, Boston, Mass., "A Celebrated Case," as given by the company detailed in last week's CLIPPER, drew fair houses. This week, by the same company, "The Two Orphans" is being played. It has been found impossible to get "Claude Duval" ready for production next week, so, as before, Wilson, Primrose and the Globe orchestra, so the role, John Mullaly, the leader of the Globe orchestra, is directing the music with Manager Stetson's Opera Company, now on the road, and Harry Braham is officiating in Mr. Mullaly's stead. W. H. Bingham of Mr. Stetson's staff is now managing the tour of the opera company. G. neville Ward reappears in "Forget-me-not" early next month.

THE MISS GRACE and May Joseph (children) made their debut on the dramatic stage at Baldwin's Theatre, San Francisco, Cal., P. M. 21, playing respectively Sir Peter and Lady Jessica in "The School for Scandal," supported by the regular cast. It is said that "neither displayed the slightest claim to histrionic ability."

THE ALICE CAUFMAN COMBINATION played in Syracuse, N. Y., March 13, 14, going to Oneida 15, Rome 16, Utica 17.

DEDICATION.—E. R. Dalton's combination is to dedicate the opera-house in Stratfordville, O., March 16, playing there 17 and 18; thence to Shawnee 20, 21, 22. The company comprises E. R. Dalton, E. O. Bean, C. A. Butler, B. M. Mann, R. Sinclair, Kate Edmunds, Ida Tracy, Grace Addison, and J. J. Kelley, business-manager.

"BUTTERFLY FEVER" entered upon its third and last week March 12 at the Boston (Mass.) Museum. Charles Barron benedict 18, "Richellen" and "Selling Warren" composing the bill. Annie Clarke's benefit 11, with the bill given in last week's CLIPPER, was attended by an immense audience.

"A False Friend" will be put on 20 Mr. Barron playing Lucien Gleyre; J. S. Haworth, Cyril Garland; Wm. Warren, Andrew; George Wilson, Abercrombie Courwell; J. B. Mason, Clifton; Fanny Moran, Lady O'Brien; Ada Gilman (specially engaged). Rob. C. Sully; and Nora Bartlett, Nina Chaucery. "Lord in Assurance" will probably be played for William Warren's benefit April 1, and William Seymour and May Davenport will come on from New York to play Dolly Spanker and Grace Markaway.

Mrs. Vincent's benefit, and that of Joseph Haworth also, are in preparation. "Othello" being announced for the latter occasion. This week's Museum gossip records that Sadie Martinot, who has been ill of nervous prostration for two weeks, is convalescing rapidly; that J. R. Pitman, the old-time prompter and acting stage-manager, has directed the production of "Butterfly Fever" with great credit; that Maurice Stratford retires from the company at the end of the season; that Treasurer George Bulfinch has purchased a farm in Sciota, Mass., where he will reside this summer; that Hosi will not appear at this house this Spring, as he has been removed; that "Rosedale" will be the only play brought out by Lester Wallace during his engagement here next month; that George Wilson's re-engagement pleases all Boston; and that "Willie" Seymour is to be stage-manager of the company.

A NEW THEATRE CONTEMPLATED.—Steps have been taken in Buffalo, N. Y., for the erection of a grand opera-house on Court street, between Franklin and Pearl. Our correspondent says: "Books were opened for subscriptions March 8 at all the banks. The success of the undertaking is contingent upon the raising of \$300,000 by April 1. Shares are to be sold at \$100 each, and boxes made and owned by individuals on the purchase of sixty shares. Leading citizens are interested, and already some \$80,000 have been subscribed. The site is central and generally approved. Up to 10, ten boxes had been sold to prominent citizens, aggregating \$60,000."

MINNIE PALMER and company were in Minneapolis, Minn., March 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1892.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1892.

D. THOMPSON opened in the Academy of Music, Buffalo, N. Y., March 13 for one week. Mr. and Mrs. McKee Rankin played to good business four nights and a matinee, commencing 6. The Little Corinne Opera Company sang "Cinderella" 10 and matinee 11, and "Famfore" in the evening to a fair attendance.

ROBINSON AND CRANE opened at the Opera-house, Pittsburgh, Pa., March 13, for one week, and the Madison-square Co. in "Hazel Kirke" are to follow. The "My Partner" Combination closed 11, after good business. Route: Chicago 13, one week.

CAROLINE ROGERS, who played in Syracuse, N. Y., March 18, is due in Waterville 15, Cornelia 16, Elmira 17, Richburg 18, Olean 20, Bradford, Pa., 21, 22.

JEFFREYS LEWIS in "Two Nights in Rome" was to have opened at the Penn-venue Theatre, Pittsburgh, Pa., March 13, for one week. Next week, "Rooms for Rent" Co.

LAWRENCE BARRETT began a two weeks' engagement at Haverly Theatre, Philadelphia, March 13, when he appeared in "Pondora," which was then produced for the first time in Philadelphia. There was a large audience, and the play seemed to please. The piece was magnificently mounted and the support fair. Same bill till further notice. Collier's "Lights of London" Company closed, March 11, one of most successful six weeks' engagements ever played in Philadelphia.

JOSEPH ESTERSON opened in "Felicia" at the Chestnut-street Opera-house, Philadelphia, March 13. She remains in that piece till 20, when Rosal comes in "Edmund Kean." Collier's "Banker's Daughter" Company closed a satisfactory engagement March 11.

"YOUTH" has not proved a financial success at the Lyceum, Philadelphia, where there was another light audience March 13. The piece is splendidly mounted and well acted, but it is inherently too weak to prove much of an attraction. Nevertheless, it is billed to run indefinitely.

W. H. MORTON, manager of Haverly's Theatre, Philadelphia, has sufficiently recovered from a severe attack of laryngitis, from which he has been suffering for several days, to be able to attend to his duties.

AT THE GRAND OPERA-HOUSE, Chicago, Ill., Barney McCuller was to have opened 13 as Uncle Dan'l. Miss Roney closed a successful engagement 12. She played in Quincy, Ill., 13, Springfield 14, 15, and is due in Jacksonville 16, Joliet 17, Peoria 18, Indianapolis 20, 21, Dayton, O., 22, Newark 23, Youngstown 24, 25.

"MRS. JOSHUA WHITCOMB" was produced at the National Theatre, Chicago, Ill., March 13. "Queen's Evidence" was withdrawn 12.

LOTTA opened the second week of a very remunerative engagement in McVicker's Theatre, Chicago, Ill., March 13. "MY PARTNER" was produced at Haverly's Theatre, Chicago, Ill., March 13. "The Black Crook" did an immense business during the week ending 11, crowding the house nightly. Route: Louisville, Mo., 13, Clinton, Mo., 14, St. Louis 15, St. Paul 16, St. Paul 17, St. Paul 18, St. Paul 19, St. Paul 20, St. Paul 21, St. Paul 22, St. Paul 23, St. Paul 24, St. Paul 25.

AT FORD'S OPERA-HOUSE, Washington, D. C., the Goshope-Hopper Company presented "One Hundred Wives" March 13 to a fair-sized audience. They remain during the week, and open in Baltimore 20. Jay Rial's Ideal "Uncle Tom" Co. No. 2 filled the house to overflowing every night the past week. They appear in Baltimore 20.

AT THE GRAND OPERA-HOUSE, Washington, D. C., the Elks took their annual benefit Thursday matinee March 9, to the large audience of the season, every available place having been sold. The programme included a grand concert by the Great Western Eighteenth-regiment Band, the second act of "My Partner," Chas. E. Ford's Comic-opera Company in the first act of "Billie Taylor" (at its conclusion beautiful floral gifts were presented to Mr. Lincoln, Mrs. May Stember, Miss McKenry and the ladies of the theatre), the statue scene from "Evadne," and specialties from the Academy of Music company. After the performance there was a gathering of Elks, participated in by all the home and visiting members of the Order.

JOHN T. RAYMOND and company commenced a week's engagement at the National Theatre, Washington, D. C., March 13, in "The Fair-aided Audience." "Mulberry Sellers" is underlined for the last two nights of the week. They are to appear in Cumberland, Md., 20, Wheeling, West Va., 21, Newport, O., 22, Columbus 23, 24, Zanesville 25. Collier's "Banker's Daughter" Combination open at the National 20, for one week. Daly's "Passing Regiment" attracted only fair audiences the past week. The manager was loth to advertise, and was far from being liberal, hence the moderate attendance. The company is to appear in Jersey City, N. J., 13, 14, 15, Paterson 16, New Brunswick 17, Orange 18, Rochester, N. Y., 20, 21, 22, Syracuse 23, 24, Utica 25.

MRS. JANUSCHKE opened at Hooley's Theatre, Chicago, Ill., March 13. The Vokes Family did a good week's business ending 11. They opened in St. Paul, Minn., 13, for three nights, and are billed in Minneapolis 16, 17, 18, Milwaukee, Wis., 20, 21, 22, South Bend, Ind., 23, Sandusky, O., 24, Erie, Pa., 25, Buffalo, N. Y., 27, 28, 29. Salsbury's Troubadours played one night at Hooley's 12 (Sunday).

HIS NAME WAS MARTIN.—Many of the most intimate friends of the late M. V. Lingham will be surprised to learn that his given name was Martin, instead of Matthew, as was generally believed. During his early career his friends familiarly called him Mart, which gradually became abbreviated into M. T. There are well-known instances of this kind: Horace Wall, during his first years upon the stage, was called Horry, which gradually became corrupted into Harry; Linington R. Shewell, oftentimes called Lin, is frequently spoken of as Lem, intimating that his name is Lemuel, which many believe.

A RADISHMAN, a lady for seconds and a comedian are wanted by Robt. Buchanan, who advertises.

JAMES MCNAVIN, advance-agent, recently joined the Wallace Triplicate Troupe.

CHANGE OF TITLE.—"The Corsican," adapted from the French by George Hovey, which was originally acted in New Orleans, La., Nov. 4, 1881, by the Hovey & Hardie Combination, and subsequently played under the title of "A Brother's Life," has been rechristened "A Priest's Vow."

Mrs. and Mrs. R. J. JOHNSON mourn the death by typhoid fever, at Jackson, O., Feb. 23, of their only child, Milton Howard, aged 4 years and 8 months. His funeral took place from his grandmother's (Mrs. M. J. Atkinson) residence, Allegheny City, Pa., 25.

ADA GRAY'S COMBINATION is due in Meadville, Pa., March 15, Jamestown, N. Y., 16, 17, Bradford, Pa., 18, Olean, N. Y., 20, Hornellsville 21.

THE T. L. WELCH COMBINATION, under the management of Price & Birdsell, began a week's season in Mayville, Mo., March 13, and are to open a new opera-house in Plattsburg 20, continuing there one week.

A BUSINESS-MANAGER with small capital is wanted by W. H. T., who advertises.

JAMES OWEN O'CONNOR, who has been in retirement the past year, occupied a private box at the Fifth-avenue Theatre, this city, March 11, as the guest of Lawrence Barrett. Mr. O'Conor, whose address had in another column, can be engaged for leading juvenile-business.

"ONE OF OUR PEOPLE" was presented for the first time on any stage at the Brooklyn Park Theatre, March 13. The cast was as follows: Isaac Levi, Cyril Searle; Benjamin Mason, alias Tom Green; J. Clinton Hall; Asa Madlowa, Welsh Edwards; Squire Hopkins, John Burnett; Frank Euderty, Edward Powell; Dick Hastings; J. T. Burke; Mr. Scott, W. A. Rouse; Dan Jarvis, S. Street; Messenger-boy, C. Bryant; Policeman, Thomas Murphy; Office-boy, Charles Morris; Bootblack, an Original; signor Lazzari, A. B. Eyring; Bessie Madlowa, Estelle Clayton; Mrs. Tappin, Mrs. M. Bryers; Rachel Einstein, Florence Temple. Our correspondent says: "The play is an incoherent mass of improbabilities constructed in the loosest manner devoid of originality, and quite unworthy of serious consideration. Isaac Levi is in no way a type of character. Mr. Searle played the part for all it was worth, but made very little of it. The remainder of the cast, with the exception of Messrs. Hall and Edwards and Miss Clayton, who did what they could with the ungrateful parts intrusted to them, was weak. The stage-setting was good. Making all due allowance for the inevitable 'bitch' of a first performance, it must be chronicled that 'One of Our People' was not a success."

THE BOSTON THEATRE COMPANY presented "Youth" at the Grand Opera-house, Columbus, O., March 9, 10, 11, and matinee 12. D. Tannehill, George Bulfinch and Maurice Barrymore (joined B. Route: Detroit, Mich., 13, one week; Chicago, Ill., 20, two weeks.

J. Z. LITTLE in "Nuggets" was the attraction at the Grand Opera-house, Brooklyn, L. I., March 13. He was well supported by the stock company of the house.

THE FORBES DRAMATIC CO. began a week's season in Emporia, Kan., March 13, Route: Chicago, Ill., 13, Lawrence 17, 18, Ottawa 20, 21, April 1. Harry T. Loomis, leading man, recently rejoined.

JOSEPH MURPHY, who was in Worcester, Mass., March 13, Clinton 14, goes to North Attleboro 15, Woonsocket, R. I., 16, Lynn, Mass., 17, Lewiston, Me., 18, Portland 20, 21, Biddeford 22, Newburyport, Mass., 23, Lawrence 24, Marblehead 25. E. E. HASTY's Dramatic Co. opened in Atlantic, Ia., March 13, for a week; thence to Knoxville 20, Oakesboro 27, for like periods.

"MRS. PARTINGTON," which was played in Ansonia, Ct., March 13, Middletown 14, is to be in Meriden 15, 16, Hartford 17, Springfield, Mass., 18, New England Circuit 20 and week, Albany, N. Y., 27 and week.

MRS. PARTINGTON, which was played in Marlboro, Mass., March 13, Salem 14, and are due in Brockton 18, Norwich, Ct., 16, Keene, N. H., 17, Fitchburg, Mass., 18, North Adams 20, Pittsfield 21, Rutland, Vt., 22, Glens Falls, N. Y., 23, Saratoga 24, Schenectady 25.

MARY ANDERSON, who played in Hartford, Ct., March 13, Fall River, Mass., 14, is due in New Bedford 15, Providence, R. I., 16, 17, 18, Worcester, Mass., 20, Burlington, Vt., 21, Montreal, P. Q., 22, 23, 24, 25.

"LORD BATEMAN, OR PIOTCHER'S FLEISCH," the new comic opera by Messrs. Stephens and Solomon, shortly to be given in London, is founded on the popular ballad of "Lord Bateman," a modernized version of an old ballad called "Lord Bateman," which has just been issued from the press of G. P. Putnam & Sons. It is a corruption of the name of a well-known old border surname. This ballad, as given in Bell's edition of the old English poetry, is a particularly fine one. It is in more than fifty stanzas, but so well is the story told that the reader does not find it a line too long. We are told in the quaint old ballad metre how Lord Bateman, longing to see his fair lady, the daughter of a knight, and named Lady Turk, where he was taken prisoner. But the Turk had one fair daughter, who took pity on the captive Englishman, and she obtained the keys of his dungeon and questioned what he would give her to set him free. He speaks of houses and lands, but the Turkish maiden was not mercenary. If he will promise to marry no other lady for ten years, she will set him free. And when the Turk, giving half to Lord Bateman, who gladly vows to do as the maiden wishes. Seven years pass, when the Turkish heroine learns that Lord Bateman is about to take another bride, and hurries to England. She calls at his castle just as the new bride has arrived, and sends up her broken ring to the intended bridegroom. The new bride's mother—"aye, and an angry woman was she"—was furious, and Lord Bateman says: "She's ten times fairer than the bride and all that's in your company." "It can be none but my dear Sophia," and he takes her to his heart. She has renounced home, friends and even religion for the man she loved, and she also changes her name from Sophia to Lady Jane before becoming the wife of Lord Bateman. Here, "aye, and an angry woman was she"—but when the plot is laid, it will be found that Mr. Stephens in his libretto of two acts has added many curious, quaint, and whimsical scenes of Turkish and London life, to increase the interest and amusement of the subject. The following will be the arrangement of the characters: Gilbert, Lord Bateman, an adventurous nobleman; Horrick Rogers, his maternal uncle and family solicitor; Temple Gruffy, a city knight; Anne, Lady Bateman's daughter; Macdallah, his grand vizier, a Scotch renegade; Princess Picotee, the Soidan's daughter; Lelia, Macdallah's wife; Janet, Sir Temple's daughter; Agatha and Ernestine, Janet's cousins; Madge, a serving-maid. It is said that at a recent rehearsal of the music a most favorable impression was made, and Mr. Solomon was frequently applauded. The plot, which was more than once not been allowed to leak out may be gathered from the following note appended to the programme: "In consequence of there being no copyright law between the United States and Great Britain it has been thought inexpedient, even at a private performance, to give any synopsis of the plot of the opera. Suffice it to say that the main outline of the well-known story of Lord Bateman has been more or less adhered to." The "more or less" is very comprehensive.

DEAKIN'S LILLIPUTIAN COMICO-OPERA COMPANY did a light business at the People's Theatre, St. Louis, last week. Sunday, March 12, Smith, Waldron, Cronin & Martin's Big Four opened to a crowded house. They will be followed 19 by Lewis's Specialty Combination, for one week. 26 Hyde & Belmont's "Muldoo's Blunders" Combination, and the Big Four's Lilliputians played in Litchfield, Ill., March 13, Shelbyville 14, going to Terre Haute, Ind., 15, Paris 16, Danville 17, Loganport 18, Marion 19, Frankfort 21, Crawfordville 22, Greencastle 23, and Indianapolis 24, 25.

EMMA ABBOTT'S OPERA COMPANY did a large business at the Grand Opera-house, Cincinnati, last week, closing 11. N. H. Arnold, second-violin and alto player, advertises for an engagement in a circus band.

AT THE GRAND OPERA-HOUSE, Toronto, Ont., the Corinne Merry-makers opened for three nights March 11. The Boston Opera Company appear 17, 18.

MAURICE GRAY'S French Opera Troupe are doing very well at the Lyceum Theatre, Havana, Cuba, the reappearance of the old favorites, Fannie Marie, M. Mantas, Nigri, Muzieres and Duplan, being hailed with delight. Madame Privat, who has an excellent contralto voice, made a pronounced success at her debut in "Charles VI." March 4. M. M. Mange and Dagon also made their first appearances, and were fairly successful. Manager Gray contemplates staying until April 1.

THE NEW YORK LILLIPUTIAN COMICO-OPERA COMPANY, in O. City, Pa., March 13, Youngstown 14, and are billed in Butler, O., 16, filed), Ypsilanti, Mich., 17, Toledo, O., 18, Detroit, Mich., 20, Bay City 21, E. Saginaw 22, La Salle 23, Grand Rapids 24. COL. OLE, the giant of Deakin's Lilliputian Comico-opera Company, was so seriously affected by rheumatism in St. Louis that he could not appear a part of the past week, and Mrs. Benton's "Little Red-Head" combination, who had been giving entertainment at Mercantile Library Hall, were engaged to assist the Lilliputians Friday night, Saturday matinee and night. The attendance increased immediately.

MARLESON'S COMPANY sang "Carmen" at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, March 9, to good business. "Fiddie" is to be given 16.

AT E-F-LAT CONCERT-FLAVER wants an engagement. See Charles Swan's card.

THE ARBUCKLE and COLBY CONCERT COMPANY are to appear at the Lee-avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn, E. D., March 15, under the management of Berger & Price.

THE REPORT that J. H. Sullivan's Harmonians had collapsed was probably caused by the discharge of several performers, who were discharged from the company for the month of March in this issue. The Harmonians then left in Butler, O., March 16, 17, 18, Moundville, W. Va., 20, Bridgeport, O., 21, Martin's Ferry 22, Lagrange 23, Wheeling, W. Va., 24, 25.

RAFAEL JOSEFFY is to appear in concert at the Bedford-avenue Reformed Church, Brooklyn, E. D., March 14.

SPACULINO'S BELLEGIERS, who performed in Milton, N. Y., March 13, Cobleskill 14, are due in Cherry Valley 15, Schoharie 16, Middleburg 17, and Castile 18.

"KATELEEN MAVOUCANES"—The appended letter will be found interesting:

132 PACIFIC STREET, BROOKLYN, March 12 1892.

EDITOR CLIPPER.—Dear Sir, I have great pleasure in stating that, as sending it to be cut out among our company for the benefit of Mr. F. N. Crouch the composer, to which here-enclosed in most grateful terms, I shall carry it on Monday to Baltimore the sum of \$50 collected by the kindly exertions of an esteemed friend of mine—Arthur Sinclair, Esq.—from members of the Produce Exchange in New York. If a few large organizations would follow the example, the poor musician would soon be placed beyond want. I am dear Sir, yours truly,

W. DAVISON.

MUSICAL NOTES IN BOSTON, MASS.—It is rumored that Gilmore's Band may be heard at one of Boston's Summer resorts during the coming season. "Madame Pigeon" is the title of the new opera which Woolson Morse has nearly completed, and which is based on a Mother Goose nursery rhyme. "The Handel and Haydn Society of this city will assist in the performance of 'Israel in Egypt' at the New York Festival May 5. Miss Lizzie L. Lord is singing very busily of late, and is making an excellent reputation for herself thereby. The sale of subscription tickets for the three nights of Patti in opera opened March 11 at the Park Theatre, and the demand was quite large. "Skiff's California Minstrels, assisted by the Swedish Quartet, gave a concert at the Windsor Theatre 12 (Sunday). A sister concert under the direction of J. Norrholm, at Turner Hall, 13, drew a good house. Miss Rose Stewart, F. Schulz, Anna Park, N. Hill, T. P. Ryder and others assisted. The seventh Philharmonic concert, with Mrs. E. A. Allen, soloist, is to be given 16 at Music Hall. The first of a series of five concerts by Arthur Fooks, pianist, is announced for 18 at Chickering's rooms. "The Sleeping Queen" is to be sung at Union Hall 18 for the benefit of Boston Council, A. L. H., under Harley Newcomb's direction. Fanny Kelllogg, Ida Welch, Tom Kari, Leandra Campaner, Carlisle Petersen and others assist at a concert to be given in Music Hall 17 in aid of St. Mary's Infant Asylum.

THE FIRST REHEARSAL for the fifth concert of the Brooklyn Philharmonic Society occurred after March 8, at the Academy of Music. The soloists were Mrs. E. A. Allen, Osgood & George Macbeth. The next rehearsal will be given 17 and the concert 18.

CHARLES T. FORD'S Comic Opera Company returned to Ford's Opera-house, Baltimore, Md., for a week's engagement March 13, opening in "Patience."

THE COMLEY-BARTON OPERA COMPANY did a big business at the Academy of Music, Baltimore, Md., closing March 11. By special request "Patience" was sung 8 and was largely attended. "Manola" and "Olivette" were given the rest of the week.

IN NEW ORLEANS, LA., \$10,000 have been subscribed for three months of grand opera (French), to be given next season at the French Opera-house. On the off nights opera-bouffes will be produced.

POSTPONEMENT.—The Joffrey recitals in Boston, announced for March 15 and matinee 16, have been postponed by reason of Joffrey's illness.

ALL OF THE PRINCIPAL members of the Ideal Opera Company have been re-engaged for next season.

E. W. MCGLENN, son of Harry McGleNN, business-agent of the Boston (Mass.) Theatre, has become the manager of the Boston Opera Company, now a Canadian tour.

Wm. McCleNN, a cornet-soloist of the Arch-street Theatre, Philadelphia, are an attractive feature there.

GRAY'S French Opera company will fill in Easter week at the Chestnut-street Opera-house, Philadelphia, beginning April 10.

THOMAS THOMAS' ORCHESTRA, assisted by Mrs. E. Alina Osgood, will concert at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, March 22 and afternoon 23.

J. P. SOUSA's new opera, "The Snugglers," will be produced at the Chestnut-street Opera-house, Philadelphia, March 27 by the Sousa & Vance Opera Company. Sousa, who is now musical-director of the Marine Band of Washington, was formerly a Philadelphian.

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